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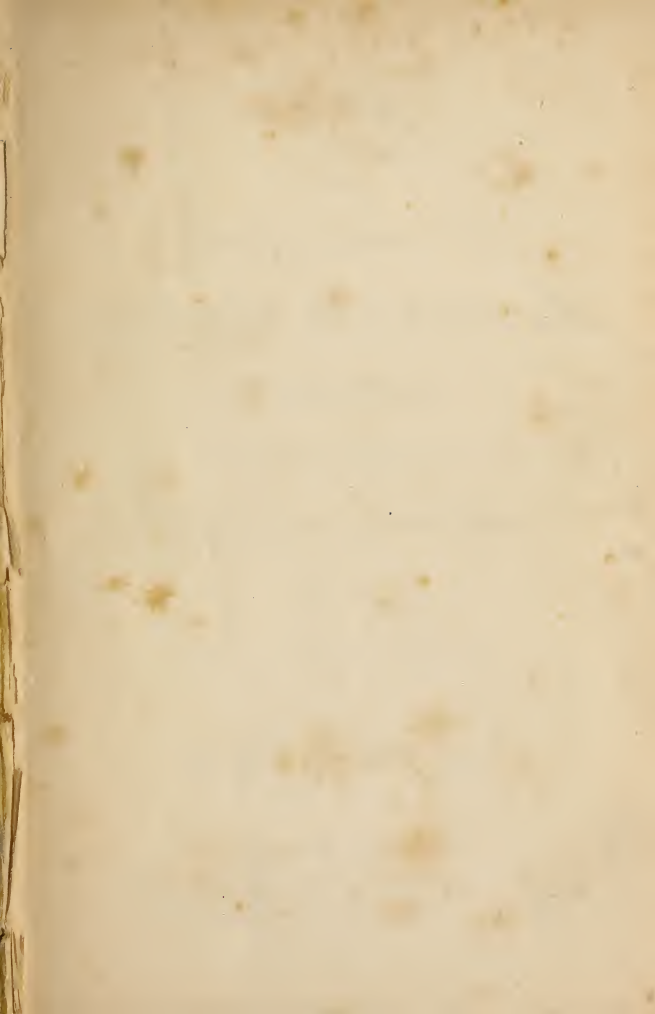
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HISTORY  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCHES AND MINISTERS  
IN WISCONSIN.  
INCLUDING AN ACCOUNT OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE CONVENTION,  
AND THE  
PLAN OF UNION.

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## PREFACE.

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THIS little work is published at the request and by the authority of the General Convention of Wisconsin. Its object is to preserve, in a permanent form, those facts connected with the formation and early history of churches and ecclesiastical organizations in our State, which will be interesting and valuable for reference hereafter, and which it is desirable should be known both to Christians in the State and to the public generally.

The labor of preparing it has devolved almost entirely upon the Rev. Stephen Peet, who during seven years of labor as agent of the American Home Missionary Society in Wisconsin, had accumulated much important material for such a work. The undersigned were appointed by the Convention a committee of consultation to advise with the author in issuing the publication. The distance at which the members of the committee are separated from each other has prevented a full and united consideration of the matter. A majority of the committee, however, residing near the author, have had the whole under review, and those more remote have received such representations respecting the character and contents of the work, that they are confident in giving it their approval.

The design of the publication is to give a simple communication of facts. The author has made most diligent efforts to secure authentic and reliable information on every particular embraced in its contents. The labor thus expended has been far greater than would be supposed by the cursory reader. The result presented, though it may not be absolutely perfect, is believed to be free from any material inaccuracies. To make the work as concise as possible, it has been necessary to make some selections from the mass of material presented. In doing this, the principle has been adopted of embodying in the briefest compass every thing important to a complete history of the course of things in our connection, down to the beginning of the present year. The committee believe that, in this respect, the author has conformed to the wishes of those who called for the publication, so far that the result will give general satisfaction.

No attempt, by way of argument, has been made to discuss questions of ecclesiastical order, or even to defend our organization from objections which have been raised against it. We believe those objections to proceed from the suspicions and prejudices of persons but partially acquainted with the system. The book presents, as simple facts, the fruits of the actual operation of that system for the period of ten years. These speak for themselves, and we think will serve to correct misapprehension and relieve objections in all candid minds. Regarding it as a way-mark set up just at this point of our course, it behoves us, in view of the success of the efforts made to establish christian institutions in this young State, to write upon it, "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us;" and giving God the glory for what He has wrought to double our diligence for the future, con-

fidently looking to Him for the continuance of His favor. It is our desire and hope that these statistics may encourage and stimulate the churches and ministers belonging to the Convention, to increased interest and zeal for the promotion of true piety and the building up of Christ's kingdom in the hearts of this growing people.

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### EXPLANATIONS.

It will be observed that the name of the author occurs with considerable frequency in connection with the organization of the churches. This was owing to the nature of his labors as a missionary agent. Historical verity required the facts to be stated as they occurred.

Several churches are noticed in this work which have been organized since the beginning of 1851. Information of their organization was received before the account of the churches went to press and it was deemed expedient to give them a place.

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# PART I.

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## HISTORY OF THE CONVENTIONS.

### ORGANIZATION AND PROCEEDINGS AT THE SUCCESSIVE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

THE first Ecclesiastical organization was a Presbytery, which was formed at Milwaukee, January 17, 1839, under the title of "The Presbytery of Wisconsin," and consisted of four ministers and two delegates, viz.—Rev. Gilbert Crawford, Lemuel Hall, Moses Ordway and Cyrus Nichols, and Elder Samuel Hinman, from the Presbyterian Church of Milwaukee, and Deacon Asa Clarke, from the Congregational Church of Prairieville, (now Waukesha.)

The Presbytery adopted the Constitution, Confession of Faith and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, but was never connected with any Synod or the General Assembly. Provision was made whereby Congregational Churches might become connected with the Presbytery, and a resolution was adopted allowing Presbyterian Churches to elect their Ruling Elders either for a limited period or for life, as they might choose.

The next meeting was appointed at Racine,

July 4, 1839, at which time members of the Presbytery and others met, but there not being a quorum, they adjourned to Milwaukee and held their meeting July 5. At this meeting the name of the Presbytery was changed to that of "The Presbytery of Milwaukee." Rev. Stephen Peet, of Green Bay united with the body, and the churches of Green Bay, Geneva, and East Troy were received. The two latter were represented by delegates. Rev. Mr. Crawford, at his own request, was dismissed to the Presbytery of Niagara, N. Y.

The third meeting of Presbytery was held at the South School House in Prairieville, Feb. 11, 1840. Four ministers, five delegates, and three corresponding members were present. Rev. O. F. Curtis and the churches of South Prairieville and Racine were received into Presbytery and the delegates of those churches took their seats. A committee was appointed to prepare a summary Confession of Faith and Covenant to be used by the churches.

The fourth meeting was held at Geneva, June 11, 1840. Four ministers, nine delegates, and four corresponding members were present. Rev. D. A. Sherman, from the Association of New Haven West, Ct., was received. The "Christian Psalmist" was recommended to be used in the churches, and a committee appointed to obtain a supply.

A special meeting of the Presbytery was held at Troy, Oct. 6, 1840, for the purpose of con-

summing the plan of union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Rev. Jeremiah Porter and Rev. Solomon Chaffee were received as members of Presbytery. The churches of Mineral Point and Platteville were also received. The latter was represented by a delegate.

A Congregational Convention had been called and was now assembled in this place for conference with the Presbytery in reference to the union of the two denominations in one organization. The subject was fully considered and discussed in their separate meetings, a free and friendly conference was had between the two bodies, and after much deliberation and prayer, the plan of union was adopted under the title of "THE PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN."\* The Constitution as amended and agreed upon by the two bodies in their separate meetings, was unanimously adopted. The Presbytery was merged in the Convention, and the following churches represented in the Congregational Convention were recognized as belonging to this Convention and the delegates took their seats, viz.:—Beloit, Southport, Salem, Troy, Lisbon and Pewaukee, and Caldwell's Prairie.

The Confession of Faith and Covenant, presented by the committee, was considered and adopted, and directed to be printed with proof texts.†

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\* See History of the Plan of Union, page 22.

† This is the Confession of Faith now in use.



From this time to Sept. 1842, this Convention was the only ecclesiastical body, and performed the business which now belongs to the District Conventions.

The Convention held a special meeting at Green Bay, Jan. 2, 1841, at the request of the church in that place, and installed Rev. Jeremiah Porter as their pastor. Rev. C. Marsh and the church at Stockbridge were received.

The next meeting was held at Racine, Feb. 9, 1841. Present, five ministers, eight delegates and three corresponding members. Three ministers and one church were received. Mr. M. P. Kinney was licensed to preach the gospel. The claims of the Bible cause were presented by an agent of the A. B. S., and resolutions passed in favor of the object. A series of resolutions were also adopted on the subject of Christian Benevolence, which have since been printed.

The Convention held its next meeting at Prairieville, June 9, 1841. Twelve ministers, fifteen delegates, and four corresponding members were present. Two churches were received. The Lord's Supper was celebrated. Resolutions were passed in reference to Temperance and Home Missions, and arrangement made for addresses on the various benevolent objects at the next meeting of Convention.

An adjourned meeting was held at Beloit, Oct. 5, 1841. Eleven ministers, eight delegates, and five corresponding members were present. Mr. R. R. Snow was licensed to preach the gospel.



Important discussions were had, and resolutions were adopted on the subjects of slavery, the Sabbath, and revivals, and addresses were delivered on education, Sabbath Schools, and temperance.

The annual meeting was held at Southport, Feb. 8, 1842. There were present thirteen ministers, fifteen delegates, and three corresponding members. Four ministers and three churches were received.

Rev. R. N. Wright, who was present as delegate from the "Congregational and Presbyterian Convention of Northern Illinois," made statements respecting that organization and the state of religion in that region ; whereupon, it was "*Resolved*, That we learn with pleasure of the formation of a Convention in Northern Illinois on a similar plan to ours, and that we cordially reciprocate their proposition for correspondence by delegation."

Rev. D. Clary was appointed to attend the next meeting at Chicago in May, and Rev. H. Foote his substitute.

A special meeting of the Convention was held by request at Platteville, March 3, 1842, and Mr. A. M. Dixon, who had been received under the care of the Presbytery at Troy, was ordained. Two ministers and one church were received.

The next regular meeting, was held at Geneva, June 14, 1842. Present, fifteen ministers, seventeen delegates and five corresponding members. The District Conventions of Milwaukee, Beloit, and Mineral Point were erected, their boun-

daries arranged and the ministers and churches set off accordingly, and the time and places of their first meetings designated.

At the request of Rev. O. F. Curtis and the church in Prairieville. Convention agreed to install him as pastor of said church, and a commission was appointed to meet at that place on the 29th inst. for this purpose.

A constitution for the District Conventions, prepared by a committee, was considered and approved and recommended to be adopted by those bodies. Amendments and alterations were also made in the constitution of the General Convention to adapt it to the present arrangement.

Measures were proposed for establishing a Literary Institution, which were discussed at some length, and the subject was committed to a committee to report at the next meeting.

A special meeting of Convention was held at Prairieville, October 18, 1842, in reference to an Institution of learning. The committee made a report, which was discussed at great length, and the subject was again committed to a committee to make further inquiries and report at the next meeting. There were present at this meeting, twelve minister, eleven delegates and four corresponding members.

The next meeting of the Convention was held at Troy, February 14, 1843. Present, sixteen ministers and twelve delegates. The District Conventions severally reported that they had organized and adopted the Constitution as recom-

mended. Letters were prepared and directed to be sent to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Associations of New England, proposing a correspondence with those bodies.

The subject of establishing a Collegiate Institution was again under consideration. The committee reported and the subject was discussed at great length; it was finally decided that the plan proposed did not afford sufficient prospect of success to justify the Convention in adopting it.\*

Two thousand copies of the Constitution of the General and District Conventions, Rules of business and Confession of Faith were ordered to be printed.

From this time the Convention met only once a year. The meetings commenced on Thursday evening and usually continued four days, including the Sabbath. The evenings were generally occupied with addresses on some of the subjects of benevolent effort, after the manner of the "Anniversary exercises" of Benevolent Societies. Beside the usual routine of business, an hour was usually spent at the opening of each morning session in devotional exercises, and fre-

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\* The plan proposed was to establish a Collegiate Institution, by the purchase or pre-emption of a township or large tract of land, and have it settled by a colony who should purchase these lands at an advanced price, and thereby create a fund for this purpose.

quently other portions of time were set apart for this purpose. Resolutions were discussed and adopted on various subjects of interest and importance, some of which will be found in another part of this work. On the Sabbath there was preaching in the various churches in the place by members of the Convention, and in the afternoon the Lord's Supper was celebrated by the Convention in connexion with the church in the place.

The next meeting of the Convention was held at Beloit, October 5, 1843. Present twenty-one ministers, seven delegates and four corresponding members. Letters were read from the General Associations of Connecticut and New Hampshire, and the General Conference of Maine, reciprocating the proposition for correspondence, and expressing a deep interest in our behalf. Information was also received that the General Assembly had appointed a delegate to attend this meeting, but was not able to be present.

The evenings were occupied in addresses on Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Anti-Slavery, and resolutions were adopted in favor of these objects.

Resolutions respecting revivals were discussed and adopted, and a season spent in special prayer and consecration to God in this work.

The Convention held its next meeting at Platteville, October 3, 1844. Sixteen ministers, eleven delegates and six corresponding members present. A letter from the General Convention of

Vermont was read. The several subjects of benevolence were considered, and the evenings were occupied in addresses. Resolutions were adopted in favor of the Sabbath School, the Tract cause, Colportage and Anti-Slavery.

The committee on Church Psalmody, appointed at the last meeting, reported, and in accordance with their recommendation the "*Church Psalmist*" was unanimously approved and recommended to be used by the churches.

The next regular meeting was held at Milwaukee, October 2, 1845. Present, twenty-five ministers, thirteen delegates and five corresponding members. The anniversaries of various benevolent objects were held in the evenings, and addresses were made on the subject of Education, Foreign and Home Missions and Romanism. Letters from corresponding bodies were received and read. Delegates were appointed to the General Assembly and the General Associations of New England. Resolutions were adopted in reference to the circulation of the Bible, Sabbath Schools, Temperance and the establishment of a religious paper at Chicago.

The Convention met at Troy, September 17, 1846. Present, thirty-one ministers, eleven delegates and three corresponding members. A letter was received from the General Association of Illinois, proposing a correspondence. Their Confession of Faith was read and the proposition was cordially accepted. Delegates were appointed to corresponding bodies.



On the request of the Convention of Beloit, that body was divided, and the Convention of Madison was set-off, the boundaries defined and the time and place of their first meeting designated. Resolutions were discussed and adopted, relative to Slavery, Colportage, the religious education of children and Peace Societies.

Oct. 7, 1847, the Convention met at Mineral Point. Present thirty ministers, and twelve delegates. Letters from corresponding bodies were read, and the delegates who had attended the meetings of those bodies, made their reports. Addresses were delivered on education and Foreign and Home Missions. A report on the subject of the desecration of the Sabbath by travelling, was adopted and directed to be sent to several papers for publication. The agent of the A. H. M. S. gave an account of his labors and Convention adopted a minute on the subject, and also requested him to prepare the facts and statistics which he had collected, for publication.

The next meeting of the Convention was held at Southport, (Kenosha,) Oct. 5, 1848. Thirty-one ministers, eight delegates, and seven corresponding members were present. Resolutions were discussed and adopted relative to the action of the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. in reference to slavery, and also in regard to the position of other benevolent societies on this subject.

Addresses were delivered on Foreign Missions, the Sabbath, and the Tract cause. Seasons of

conference and prayer were held in reference to the revival of religion within the bounds of Convention.

Delegates who had attended the meetings of corresponding bodies reported. A letter from Rev. Dr. Bushnell who was appointed delegate from the General Association of Connecticut, was received and read. Resolutions were adopted respecting Beloit College, and also requesting Mr. Peet to prepare and publish the statistics and History of the Churches in Wisconsin.

The Convention held its next meeting at Beaver Dam, October 4, 1849. Present forty-two ministers, thirteen delegates, and six corresponding members.

Rev. Geo. A. Calhoun, delegate from the General Association of Connecticut, and Rev. J. J. Hill, delegate from the General Association of Iowa were present.

The delegates who attended the meetings of corresponding bodies made their reports.

The evenings were occupied with addresses on Foreign and Home Missions, and the education of young men for the ministry. Resolutions were adopted on these subjects, and in relation to the Temperance cause. A resolution was passed again requesting the publication of the History of the Churches, and Rev. J. J. Miter, D. Clary, A. L. Chapin, H. Foote, E. D. Seward and J. Lewis were appointed a committee on the subject.

The last meeting of the Convention was held at Janesville, October 3, 1850. Present, forty-



six ministers, twenty-four delegates, and fifteen corresponding members.

Delegates were present from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, the General Convention of Vermont, and the General Association of Illinois, and letters were received from the General Association of Connecticut, and the General Association of Michigan.

A communication was made by Rev. Mr. Loss, as a committee of a convention held at Chicago, in May last, relative to the establishment of a Theological Seminary in the North West, and requesting the co-operation of this body. After considerable discussion on the subject, a resolution was adopted expressing the readiness of the Convention to co-operate in such an undertaking, provided the Institution shall be established on a platform which shall unite the Presbyterians and Congregationalists generally in the region.

Addresses were made on various subjects and delegates to Corresponding bodies were appointed.

The Committee on publishing the History of the Churches were authorized to determine the size of the work and the number of copies, and to publish it at the expense of the Convention.

The next meeting of the Convention was appointed at Platteville, on the *First Thursday* of October, 1851, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

## MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The time and place of the successive meetings with the number present at each, is as follows, viz. :—

PLACE.	TIME.	MEMBERS PRESENT.		
		MIN	DEL	COR
Milwaukee, - - -	Jan. 17, 1839	4	2	
Racine, adj'nd to Milwaukee,	July 5, 1839	4	3	1
South Prairieville, - -	Feb. 11, 1840	5	7	3
Geneva, - - - -	June 16, 1840	6	9	4
Troy, special meeting, -	Octo'r 6, 1840	8	16	1
Green Bay, special meeting, -	Jan'y 2, 1841	4	3	
Racine, - - - -	Feb'y 9, 1841	7	9	3
Prairieville, - - - -	June 9, 1841	12	15	4
Beloit, - - - -	Octo'r 5, 1841	11	8	5
Southport, - - - -	Feb'y 8, 1842	13	15	3
Platteville, special meeting,	March 3, 1842	3	3	1
Geneva, - - - -	June 14, 1842	15	17	5
Prairieville, special meeting,	Oct'r 18, 1842	12	11	4
Troy, - - - -	Feb. 14, 1843	16	12	1
Beloit, - - - -	Octo'r 5, 1843	21	7	4
Platteville, - - - -	Octo'r 3, 1844	16	11	6
Beloit, adjourned meeting -	Oct'r 31, 1844	15	13	
Milwaukee, - - - -	Octo'r 2, 1845	25	13	5
Troy, - - - -	Sept. 17, 1846	31	11	3
Mineral Point, - - - -	Octo'r 7, 1847	30	12	1
Southport, - - - -	Octo'r 5, 1848	31	8	7
Beaver Dam, - - - -	Octo'r 4, 1849	42	13	6
Janesville, - - - -	Octo'r 3, 1850	46	24	15

## HISTORY OF THE PLAN OF UNION.

A union of Presbyterians and Congregationalists was contemplated from the first movement towards an ecclesiastical organization in Wisconsin. When the Presbytery was organized in January 1839, two churches were represented, one Presbyterian and one Congregational, and resolutions were adopted on the subject, the preamble to which is as follows, viz. :—

“WHEREAS, there are a number of professing christians in our midst who came from congregational churches, and as it is desirable that we should unite our energies as much as possible, Resolved,” &c.

These resolutions provided that a Congregational member of the church under discipline, might be tried by the whole body of the church, and the decision of the church should be final, except in case of alleged heresy, when either of the parties might bring it before the Presbytery. The Congregational churches were invited to take the subject into consideration and unite with the Presbytery upon this plan of “pacification and harmony.”

At the second meeting of Presbytery, the subject was again under consideration, and the following resolutions were adopted, viz. :—

1. “Resolved, That the Congregational churches in the Territory be invited to send delegates to the next meeting of Presbytery, to confer and agree upon some plan of union and co-operation

between Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the Territory.

"2. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare articles of practice and rules for regulating Presbytery, based on principles embraced in the Constitution of the Presbyterian church, and the "plan of union," and adapted to the circumstances of the country."

At the Third meeting of the Presbytery, Feb. 11, 1840, this committee reported a Constitution and Rules of business, and the following account of the action in the case is given in the minutes of the Presbytery, viz. :—

"As there are several delegates and individuals present from Congregational churches, who are expected to take part in the discussion on this subject,

"*Resolved*, That the Presbytery now go into convention with them for the purpose of deliberation and discussions on this subject.

"The report of the committee was read in the convention, discussed and amended, and recommended to be adopted by the Presbytery. The convention was then dissolved and the Presbytery proceeded with its business. After further discussion, the Constitution and Rules of business reported by the committee and recommended by the convention, were adopted.

"All the delegates from Congregational churches present became members of the Presbytery, and acted in the final adoption of the Constitution and Rules."

This Constitution contained the general principles embraced in the present arrangement, but retained the name and some of the more distinctive features of a Presbytery.

At the next meeting of the Presbytery, in June 1840, further measures were taken on the subject, and it was—

“*Resolved*, 'That for the purpose of consummating the plan of union between Presbyterian and Congregational churches, a *special* meeting of Presbytery be held on the First Tuesday in October next, at 2 o'clock P. M., at Troy.’”

These measures, however, did not fully satisfy the Congregationalists, and they were about to issue a call for a convention to effect a separate organization, when a conference was held between a number of those most interested on both sides, and it was agreed that the convention should be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the Presbytery, that there might be an opportunity for mutual consultation and final action on the subject.

The circular issued on the occasion was signed by Rev. O. F. Curtis, who acted by request and in behalf of the Congregationalists, and who had visited most of the churches with reference to taking measures for an organization, as follows :

“*Congregational Convention.*

“A Convention of Congregational ministers and churches will be held at Troy, Walworth

County, on Tuesday the 6th of October, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to consider the plan of union proposed by the Presbytery of Milwaukee, or to adopt such other form of organization as will best subserve the interests of religion in the Territory, and also to deliberate on whatever questions may incidentally arise affecting the cause of Christ. All Congregational Churches are requested to send their delegates, and Congregational ministers and brethren throughout the Territory are invited to attend. Extensive consultation has been had with the churches and ministers on the subject, and it is believed that this arrangement will meet the feelings of all concerned and best subserve the objects contemplated.

OTIS F. CURTIS."

All the articles in the plan proposed which had a bearing on the subject of a union were published, to give the churches opportunity to examine them beforehand. The circular also contained the following certificate and notice, viz. :—

"The above is a true copy of articles agreed upon in convention and adopted by the Presbytery of Milwaukee, in February last, as a part of the Constitution of that body. The Presbytery will meet according to appointment on the 6th of October, but will doubtless adjourn from time to time, to give the Convention opportunity to assemble and transact their business. It is expected that the Congregational churches connected with



the Presbytery, will send, each, one delegate to the meeting of Presbytery. Thus, to some extent at least, the same individuals will be members of both bodies, and it is hoped that the important subject of our ecclesiastical organization will be brought to a final issue, and a permanent and happy union be consummated.

“STEPHEN PEET,

“*Stated Clerk of Presbytery.*

“*Milwaukee, Aug. 8, 1840.*”

In accordance with this arrangement the meetings of the Presbytery and of the Congregational convention were held at Troy, October 6 and 7, 1840, when the whole subject was discussed and acted on in their separate meetings; several amendments and alterations were made in the Constitution, the name of the body was changed, and after mature deliberation and a solemn and affecting season of prayer, the two bodies were united under the title of “THE PRESBYTERIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION OF WISCONSIN,” and the Constitution, Confession of Faith, and Rules of Business were unanimously adopted as the *basis of our union, the expose of our sentiments, and the principles of our ecclesiastical proceedings.*

No record or description can give a full impression of the scene and the circumstances which attended this transaction. But the following account of the meeting published in *The Home Missionary* for January, 1841, will give the reader some idea of the solemnity and interest of the occasion. It



was written by Rev. Jer. Porter of Green Bay in a communication to the Secretaries of the American Home Missionary Society, viz. :

“My principal object in this journey was to attend the meeting of Presbytery and a convention of Congregational churches in the Territory, at Troy, Walworth Co. After travelling five days on horseback in company with a delegate from this church, I arrived at the place of meeting on Tuesday, October 6th. There I saw much to delight me and to inspire high hopes for the religious prosperity of this new land. There were present nine Presbyterian and Congregational ministers, and delegates from more than that number of churches, who had come together praying for the peace of Jerusalem. The object of the meeting was to see if these two denominations could cause the prayer of the Saviour to be answered, so far as related to us, ‘That they all may be one, as thou Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.’ Many of us deemed it highly important that in laying foundations in this region so lately redeemed from the heathen, there should ‘be no division among us.’ For this we prayed very earnestly, and a union was consummated after near two day’s candid deliberation, and after a touching, melting season of social prayer. God seemed evidently in that place by his Spirit, moving upon the hearts of his ministers and

members, and drawing them together, as kindred drops mingle into one. The two denominations unite in one ecclesiastical body, to be known by the name of 'The Presbyterian and Congregational Convention of Wisconsin.' Many brethren felt that they had received 'an unction from the Holy One' at this meeting, and that a blessing would follow them to their people."

#### MEMBERS OF CONVENTION AT ITS ORGANIZATION.

##### *Ministers.*

Rev. David A. Sherman,	East Troy.
Rev. Lemuel Hall,	Geneva.
Rev. Moses Ordway,	South Prairieville.
Rev. Stephen Peet,	Milwaukee.
Rev. Otis F. Curtis,	Prairieville.
Rev. Cyrus Nichols,	Spring Prairie.
Rev. Sol. Chaffee,	Platteville.
Rev. J. U. Parsons,	Without charge.

##### *Delegates.*

Sixteen churches were represented of which eight were Presbyterian and eight Congregational, viz.:

PRESBYTERIAN.	CONGREGATIONAL.
Milwaukee, Elder J. Ogden.	Southport, Hon. Wm. Bullen.
Green Bay, Elder C. Hall.	Beloit, Deacon John Hopkins.
Geneva, Elder John Chapin.	Prairieville, Dea. E.D. Clinton.
Racine, Elder Heman Rice.	Prairie du Lac, A. Dickinson.
Whitewater, Eld. J. Carpenter.	Salem, Dea. H. Butrick.
East Troy, Elder Wm. Weed.	Troy, Mr. Truman Hibbard.
S. Prairieville, Elder J. Rice.	Caldwell's Prairie, Ed. Flagg.
Platteville, Mr. A. M. Dixon.	Lisbon, Dea. S. Bottsford.

These ministers and delegates were men of experience, who had served the church as Pastors, Elders and Deacons in other portions of the country, and they felt a deep sense of responsibility, and the importance of laying right foundations in this new Territory.

At the time of the last meeting of the Convention at Janesville, in October, just TEN years had elapsed since its organization. During this period, the number of ministers in the State has increased from ten to one hundred, and the number of churches from twenty to one hundred and twenty-five. The meetings of the Convention, from year to year, have been harmonious and profitable, and often they were seasons of deep interest and spiritual refreshing.

The following brief expressions of opinion in reference to this arrangement from disinterested and intelligent individuals who had the means of forming a correct judgment in the case, will not be regarded as out of place here.

The Secretaries of the A. H. M. S. in giving an account of the organization in their Journal for January 1841, expressed their views on the subject in the following language, viz. :—

“ We rejoice that so early in the religious history of Wisconsin, measures have been taken which it is believed will prevent much of the waste of moral power that has afflicted some portions of the country where no such provisions exist.”

Rev. Geo. A. Calhoun, of Connecticut, who attended the meeting of the General Convention at Beaver Dam in October 1849, as a delegate from the General Association of that State, in making his report to that body in June last, closed by saying that the Convention arrangement in Wisconsin, was on the whole most to his mind of any he had ever seen.

The Convention has been for several years in correspondence with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Associations in New England. The following is an extract of a letter from the General Association of New Hampshire to the General Convention, reciprocating the proposition for correspondence, viz.:—

“We have no doubt that such an union as you have formed will promote peace and good will, and subserve the interests of truth. We have deeply regretted the jealousies which have prevailed among those holding the great principles that are set forth in the Westminster Assembly, and differing only in church government, and we hail with joy the union of these churches in one body in Wisconsin.”

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#### PERMANENCY OF THE ARRANGEMENT.

When the union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists was agreed upon, the idea of

separate organizations was abandoned and the Convention was regarded by all concerned as a *permanent arrangement*. The question has never been raised in the meetings of the Convention during the ten years of its existence. The views of the Convention have, however, been incidentally expressed on the subject in the Narrative of religion adopted in 1845, and ordered to be published, as follows :

“ The experience of five years has demonstrated, most fully, the wisdom of this plan of ecclesiastical organization, and furnished abundant evidence of the Divine approbation in the success which has attended its practical operations. Designed to unite in one common bond, brethren who so nearly agree in all essential points as Congregationalists and Presbyterians do, but who have hitherto been too often divided, both in feeling and effort, it is cause for devout gratitude that our plan of union has succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of its warmest friends. It has secured, hitherto, the most perfect harmony among both ministers and churches, and has served to combine, in a remarkable degree, their efforts in urging on to a glorious triumph, the principles of our common religion among us.— Sufficient time has now elapsed to warrant us in congratulating ourselves that the principles of our Convention are *permanently established*. Every ground of jealousy and contention is removed, and no distinction is known or manifested between churches which adopt either form of

government, or between ministers or private members who are connected with them. Congregationalists and Presbyterians are here emphatically one denomination, and it is hoped ever will form but one great, united, harmonious and active brotherhood within our bounds, zealous only for the glory of God and the promotion of his cause."

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## GENERAL VIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS.

### 1. *The Presbytery.*

The Presbytery of Wisconsin was organized January 17, 1839, with four ministers and two churches, and continued nearly two years—held four meetings, received five ministers, dismissed one and received eight churches. It embraced, at the time the Convention was organized, eight ministers and ten churches. The Presbytery was merged in the Convention, and the records have been kept in continuous connection.

### 2. *The General Convention.*

The General Convention was organized October 7, 1840, and embraced eight ministers and sixteen churches. It was the only ecclesiastical body for two years, to the autumn of 1842. During this time the Convention held eight meetings, ordained two ministers, installed two, licensed two, and received fifteen ministers and eleven



churches ; making the whole number of ministers connected with the body twenty-five, and the number of churches twenty-seven. After the organization of the District Conventions, all business of this kind were transacted by these bodies.

The General Convention has had in its connection one hundred and twenty ministers, of whom thirty-two have been dismissed and removed out of the State. Four have died, and two have withdrawn, and connected with another body in the State. The present number of members is eighty-two. Eighteen ministers, including licentiates, have come into the State during the past season, most of them since the annual meetings of the District Conventions, and have not had opportunity to connect with these bodies. The whole number of ministers in Wisconsin, including licentiates, is one hundred, of whom four are engaged in teaching, six are occupied in other callings and have not charge of any church, and two are acting as Agents.

The number of churches connected with the Convention is one hundred and one, including six in Illinois. The whole number of churches in the State, is one hundred and twenty-five. Of the churches not connected with the Convention, a number have been recently organized and have not had opportunity to unite.

### 3. *The District Conventions.*

There are four District Conventions, viz. : Milwaukee, Beloit, Mineral Point, and Madison. The first three were constituted by the original

division of the churches and ministers into District Conventions June 15, 1842. The latter was set off by division of the Beloit Convention, September 1846.

*The Milwaukee Convention* held its first meeting at Prairieville, June 28, 1842. It comprised twelve ministers and sixteen churches, and embraced all the counties on the Lake shore, from Illinois to Green Bay. It has held sixteen regular meetings and eleven special and adjourned meetings; has received twenty-seven members, and dismissed twenty-two, licensed two candidates for the ministry, ordained ten, installed seven, dismissed from the Pastoral relation two, and two have died. Has received fifteen churches. It embraces at the present time the counties of Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc. Has in its connection twenty-five ministers, and twenty-seven churches. Houses of worship within the bounds of Convention, fourteen.

*The Beloit Convention* held its first meeting at Prairie du Lac, (now Milton) September 18, 1842. It embraced the country between the Lake counties on the east, and the Mining region on the west, and extended from the line of Illinois to Lake Winnebago. The number of ministers originally connected with it was nine, number of churches fifteen. It has held eighteen regular meetings and seven special meetings. Has received thirty-seven ministers, besides the original members, dismissed thirty, ordained

eight, installed eight, licensed two, and dismissed from the Pastoral relation two. Has received twenty-seven churches.

In September 1846, this Convention was divided, and a large portion of territory, with fifteen ministers and fifteen churches was set off to constitute the Convention of Madison. It now embraces only three counties, viz. : Walworth, Rock and Green ; and has connected with it seventeen ministers and twenty-seven churches. Five of the churches are in Illinois. Houses of worship ten.

*The Mineral Point Convention* held its first meeting at Platteville, September 4, 1842. It had in its connection four ministers and eleven churches, and embraced the "Mining region," as it was called. It has held fifteen regular meetings and ten special meetings. Has received eighteen ministers, dismissed twelve, ordained seven, including two by council composed of members of Convention, installed five, licensed three, and dismissed from Pastoral relation two. Has received eight churches. Now embraces the counties of Iowa, Lafayette, Grant, Crawford, Richland and St. Croix. Has in its connection ten ministers and nineteen churches. Houses of worship nine.

*The Madison Convention* held its first meeting at Beaver Dam the third Thursday in November 1846. It embraced fifteen ministers and seventeen churches, and covered the same territory as at present, viz. : the counties of Jef-

ferson, Dane, Dodge, Sauk, Columbia, Marquette, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Calumet and Brown. It has held eight regular meetings and five special meetings. Has received ten ministers; ordained five, including two by council, dismissed three and has received eleven churches. The present number of ministers is twenty-three, churches twenty-eight. Houses of worship six.

This Convention covers a large extent of territory, and its ministers and churches increase with such rapidity that a division and the erection of a new Convention will probably be required soon.

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#### POWERS AND RELATIONS OF THE CONVENTIONS.

It will be a matter of interest to those who are not acquainted with the practical workings of the Conventions, to know what are their powers and prerogatives, and the relations which they sustain to the churches connected with them. A brief statement on the subject is therefore deemed proper and desirable.

##### *The Principle Involved.*

The great principle involved in this arrangement is contained in the first Article of the Constitution, which is fundamental and unalterable, as follows:—

*“Churches belonging to this Convention may adopt either the Presbyterian or Congregational mode of government, and shall each be represented at the meetings of the Convention by one delegate.”*

In the organization of a church, the form of government is decided by the vote of the majority of the members, and the church acts and is governed accordingly. The minority yield their preferences, and coincide with the form of government thus adopted. There is no amalgamation or mixture of the two modes of government, in the same church. The difficulty of this complex arrangement is wholly avoided, except perhaps in one or two instances. Each church is either Presbyterian or Congregational, and transacts its business according to the established rules and usages of other churches of the same order. Presbyterians and Congregationalists agree to unite and act in one body upon these principles; regarding themselves as brethren of the same faith, and recognizing the right of the majority to decide in matters of this kind.

### *Relation of the Convention to Presbyterian Churches.*

The Convention sustains the same relation to Presbyterian churches connected with it as a Presbytery, and has the same jurisdiction over them. The churches, by their adoption of the Presbyterian mode of government, impliedly agree to be governed by the principles and rules of Presbyterian bodies. They transact their busi-

ness according to the Book of Discipline of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and have the right of appeal. The only modification is in regard to the election of elders for a limited time or for life. Most of the churches elect for a limited period, generally for one, two, or three years, and at the expiration of that time, elect others, or re-elect the same. This provision was made by the Presbytery of Wisconsin while under the constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and was thence incorporated into the constitution of the Convention.

*Relation of the Convention to the Congregational Churches.*

The Congregational churches in Wisconsin are purely Congregational, and retain all their rights and privileges as such. They do their business in a congregational way, and the decision of the church is final. The Convention stands in the same relation to Congregational churches as an Association with lay delegation, or, rather a *Consociation*. It has, however, no jurisdiction over the churches, unless by the action of the church appeals are allowed, or cases are referred to Convention for decision.

There is a provision in the constitution which requires the records of the churches to be reviewed; but this rule does not give the Convention any *control* in a judicial sense. It is designed, so far as Congregational churches are concerned,



to afford opportunity for advice and suggestion in regard to the manner of keeping records, and to enable Convention to discover any essential disorders or departure from sound doctrine, in which case they have the right to withdraw fellowship from the church, and thus dissolve the connection.

### *Relation of the Convention to the Ministers.*

Ministers connected with the Conventions are governed by the Constitution, or rules of business as far as they specify. The Constitution however makes no provision for discipline, but purposely leaves it to the rules and usages of the denominations concerned. Hence, in case of the discipline of a minister the Convention follows the rules and usages of the denomination which he prefers. The trial of a Congregational minister is conducted as such trials are conducted in Congregational bodies in New England, or elsewhere. In case of a Presbyterian minister, the trial is conducted according to the Book of Discipline in the same manner as in a Presbytery. He has, however, only one appeal, viz.: from the District Convention to the General Convention.

### *Councils.*

Congregational Churches are at liberty to call Councils if they choose. Councils have been held, at various times, from an early period, and for all the purposes for which councils are called, namely, the ordination, installation, and dismiss-

sion of ministers, and for organizing churches; and the Convention has given its sanction by the admission of the ministers so ordained and the churches so organized. Most business of this kind is, however, transacted by the District Conventions, as a matter of convenience and is the preference of the churches.

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### ACTION OF THE CONVENTION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

The position and views of the Convention in regard to benevolent efforts, reforms and other topics will be seen from the action of the body on these subjects at different times. Numerous resolutions, in various forms, have been discussed and adopted from year to year—generally with entire unanimity. Only a few of the briefest and most comprehensive of these resolutions are given.

#### CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE.

*“Resolved,* That the claims of each of the great objects of benevolence ought to be statedly brought before our respective congregations, and each member of the church, and others who may be favorably disposed, be personally invited to aid the cause by their contributions.

*“Resolved,* That we will cordially receive the aid of authorized agents to assist in the work of

benevolence ; but we feel it our duty to have our own system of contributions and collections faithfully carried out, whether assisted by agents or not."

### *Home Missions.*

"*Resolved*, That the cause of Home Missions is of paramount importance in its relations to our country and the world, as constituting a bond of union between the East and the West, and diffusing intelligence and a sound moral influence throughout the country.

"*Resolved*, That the American Home Missionary Society has contributed largely to the establishment and prosperity of the churches in the West, and especially in Wisconsin, and is, on this account, entitled to the gratitude and co-operation of the christian community, and of all the friends of religion and moral improvement in the State.

"*Resolved*, That the manifest success of the American Home Missionary Society in its operations hitherto, the great importance of its specific work, and the increased demands for such labors which the providence of God is now pressing on that Society, commends this cause to the warmest sympathy and interest of our churches."

### *Foreign Missions.*

"*Resolved*, That the cause of Foreign Mis-

sions is eminently a cause of benevolence, and one whose progress every christian should understand, and by prayer and contributions strive to promote.

“ *Resolved*, That the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions is worthy of the confidence, and is entitled to the sympathies, and the co-operation of the friends of man and the friends of Christ.”

### *The Bible Cause.*

“ *Resolved*, That the efforts of the gospel ministry must be accompanied with the free circulation of the Word of God; and it is in training the minds of men to search its great and solemn truths, and bringing their hearts to yield to its sacred obligations, that we are to contend successfully with infidelity on the one hand, and false christianity on the other.

“ *Resolved*, That the American Bible Society has our confidence and our sympathies, and we pledge to it our prayers and our co operation for the attainment of the great end it has in view.”

### *The Tract Cause and the Col'porteur Enterprise.*

“ *Resolved*, That the efforts of the American Tract Society are among the most efficient and auspicious means of benevolent enterprize, and as such has strong claims to the sympathy, prayers and co-operation of the church.

*Resolved*, That the Colporteur enterprize, under the supervision of the gospel ministry, is a powerful means of usefulness, especially among the scattered population of the West, and is entitled to the prayers and patronage of this Convention and of the churches under its care."

In October 1848, a series of resolutions were adopted by the Convention, (1) "commending the action of the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. in investigating the relations which the Indian Missions sustain to slavery," and expressing "increased confidence in the Board, and the purpose to give it their earnest co-operation, in the hope that the whole body will sustain and carry out the position of their Committee on the subject."

(2.) With renewed expressions of confidence and sympathy in the designs and labors of the American Home Missionary Society, urging upon the attention of the Ex. Committee "the importance and propriety of taking similar action with reference to the missionaries and churches in Slave States which receive their patronage."

(3.) Commending the objects of the American Bible Society, American Tract Society, and American Sunday School Union, and urging upon them "the necessity of conducting their operations so as to bring divine truth, through the presses at their command, to bear more directly upon the sinfulness of slavery whenever and wherever it comes within their legitimate sphere."

*Sabbath Schools.*

Resolutions have been passed at different times by the Convention on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and commending the objects and operations of Sabbath School Associations, especially the American Sunday School Union, which has accomplished great good in this young and rising State. But the Sabbath School has become so identified with the existence and growth of our churches, and so much a part of the system of religious efforts adopted by ministers and churches, that they are regarded as indispensable. They have been used, and relied on from the first establishment of religious institutions in the State, and are included among the *established* means of religious instruction. Sabbath Schools have been sustained wherever a church has been organized, or a minister labored, and in many places and settlements where no church existed. Over *five thousand* children and youth have been instructed in these Schools through the instrumentality of the ministers and members of the churches connected with the Convention; and it is believed that not less than eight hundred of these children and youth have been converted to God, and are now in the church, and some of them are in a course of preparation for the gospel ministry.

*Slavery.*

“ *Resolved*, That we regard the Anti-Slavery enterprise as being based on the principle of the



gospel, which requires that we do good unto all men; and as such it commends itself to the sympathies, prayers and exertions of the wise and the good.

*“Resolved,* That the ministers and the church of Christ are bound, in consistency with their profession, to rebuke all sin—to labor earnestly for the removal of oppression, and to withhold christian fellowship from all those who persist in enslaving, or holding in slavery, their fellow-men. (Passed in 1843.)

*“Resolved,* That the position of our Delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in declining to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the hands of a slave-holder, is in accordance with our oft expressed views, and meets with our cordial approbation.” (Passed October 1849 )

### *The Sabbath.*

*“Resolved,* That the Christian Sabbath is one of the main pillars of our civil and religious institutions, and that the welfare of our country, the prosperity of religion and the salvation of souls depend on its faithful observance.

*“Resolved,* That it is the duty of the churches to make the violation of the Sabbath by its members, a disciplinary offence; and that the right observance of this day in the community, depends much on keeping the church pure in their practice in regard to the Sabbath.”

*Revivals of Religion.*

*“Resolved,* That the promotion of revivals of religion, is an object which demands special attention and effort ; and that it is the duty of ministers and christians to labor with special reference to this object, and with expectations of immediate results.

*“Resolved,* That we recognize the Holy Spirit as the blessed and indispensable agent in the promotion of genuine revivals, and in the conversion of sinners—and we believe that God will bestow his influences in answer to prayer.”

*A Settled Ministry.*

*“Resolved,* That this Convention regard frequent changes in the ministry as productive of serious evils to the churches and the cause of Christ ; and earnestly recommend to the churches as early as possible to secure the permanent settlement of ministers among them, and to avoid frequent changes and the removal of their pastors ; and that it be recommended to the ministers to instruct their people on this as on other subjects of importance.”

*The Peace Society.*

*“Resolved,* That we recommend the claims of the American Peace Society to the ministers and churches in our connexion.”

*Temperance.*

The cause of Temperance has received the attention and efforts of the ministers and churches in our connexion from the earliest settlement of the country, and for several years it exerted a wide and predominant influence. Several early attempts to establish distilleries failed, because christian men would not afford the facilities for their operations—refusing to grind grain for this purpose. Temperance Societies were organized and temperance meetings held, in which our ministers and members of churches took a prominent and active part. Our churches are all organized upon the temperance principle. The pledge to total abstinence is incorporated into the Covenant adopted by most of the churches, and is made requisite to membership by all. The following resolution on this subject was adopted by the Convention in 1844, viz. :

“*Resolved*, That the traffic and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is a practice wholly inconsistent with christian character, and should be a barrier to christian fellowship ; and that it is the duty of the churches and ministers, after suitable admonition, to debar those who are guilty of such practice, from the communion.”

*Annual Concerts of Prayer.*

Resolutions have been passed from year to year, recommending the observance of the *first*

*Monday in January*, as a day of fasting and prayer for the conversion of the world ; and the *fourth Thursday in February*, as a day of prayer for Colleges and Institutions of Learning.

*Attendance on the meetings of the Church.*

“*Resolved*, That the covenant promise made by the members of our churches “to maintain and constantly attend all the institutions of the gospel,” will not allow their absence from the stated meetings of the church, except in cases of extreme necessity ; and that unnecessary absence is a violation of covenant obligations, and should be so treated by the church.”

*Church Psalmody.*

This subject came early under the consideration of the Convention, and attempts were made to adopt some work which should secure uniformity in our churches. In 1844, a committee who had been appointed for the purpose, made a full and able report on the subject, and in accordance with their recommendation, it was

“*Resolved*, That this Convention regard the *Church Psalmist*, as a very judicious and excellent collection of Psalmody, and recommend it to be used in all our congregations.”

It is now in extensive and almost universal use among the churches in the State.

*Doctrinal Instruction of Children*

“*Resolved*, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the ministers in our connection to adopt some plan for the systematic instruction of children in the doctrines and institutions of the Church of Christ.”

At a subsequent meeting, on the report of a committee, the following resolutions were discussed and adopted, viz. :—

“*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the ministers within our bounds to form the children of the church and others into a catechetical class for systematic instruction in the doctrines of the Bible.

“*Resolved*, That it be recommended to parents to aid their minister in this work by setting apart a portion of each Sabbath to household catechetical instruction.”

*Religious Newspaper.*

“*Resolved*, That the interests of Christ’s kingdom in this section of country, demand the establishment of a Religious Newspaper, to be circulated among our churches as a means of instructing and stimulating christians, and as using the mighty power of the press for the salvation of men and building up the Redeemer’s kingdom—and that this Convention give their confidence and pledge their co operation to the plan of establishing the ‘Western Herald’ at Chicago,” now the Prairie Herald. (Passed October 1845.)

*Education of Young Men for the Ministry.*

At the meeting of the Convention in October 1849, an evening was devoted to the consideration of "the want of ministers in the West," and after some discussion and addresses on the subject, a committee was appointed to "take the subject into consideration, and to devise a plan adapted to the circumstances of the country, and report at a meeting to be held at the time of the next Commencement at Beloit College."

This meeting was held July 25, 1850. The committee reported, and agreeably to their recommendation, "THE EDUCATION SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS" was organized.

*Beloit College.*

Some statements were made before the Convention at its meeting in October, 1848, respecting the condition and prospects of Beloit College, whereupon the following resolution was adopted, viz. :—

*"Resolved,* That this Convention sincerely rejoice in the indications of Divine favor toward Beloit College, and that we most heartily commend it to the confidence and support of the churches within our bounds, and to the community in general."



## PART II.

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### HISTORY OF THE MINISTERS.

#### *Arrival of Ministers in the State.*

The first minister came to Wisconsin, in 1836, and commenced preaching at Racine, the first Sabbath in September.\* One other arrived during that year and spent the winter, but returned and removed his family the next year. In 1837, three additional laborers entered the field. one at Milwaukee, one at Green Bay and one at Elk Grove. Two arrived in 1838, and took their stations at Southport and Geneva. In 1839, two more arrived. In 1840, there was a reinforcement of eight ministers, and in 1841 ten more came into the Territory. Since that time there has been a regular accession of ministers from year to year.

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\* Rev. Cutting Marsh came to Wisconsin in 1830, as a Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. to the Stockbridge Indians. There was also preaching for a short time at Milwaukee, in 1835, by Rev. A. L. Barber, who soon after left the ministry.

The following is a list of the ministers as they arrived each year, viz :

- In 1836. Rev. Cyrus Nichols and M. Ordway.
- In 1837. Rev. G. Crawford, Stephen Peet and I. E. Heaton. Of whom one left the State and has since died.
- In 1838. Rev. Lemuel Hall and C. C. Cadwell.
- In 1839. Rev. Daniel Smith and O. F. Curtis.
- In 1840. Rev. N. Kingsbury, D. A. Snerman, D. Clary, Jer. Porter, J. U. Parsons, S. Hubbard, Wm. Arms and S. Chaffee. Of whom three have died, and one has left the State.
- In 1841. Rev. S. Smally, L. Rogers, J. M. Clark, M. P. Kinney, A. Gaston, C. L. Watson, J. J. Miter, H. Marsh, S. Baker, and Wm. M. Adams. Of whom two are dead and four have left the State.
- In 1842. Rev. H. Foote, A. M. Dixon, F. H. Case, W. E. Boardman, E. G. Bradford, C. E. Rosenkrans, N. Cooke, W. W. Thayer, O. P. Clinton, and L. Bridgeman. Of whom four have left the State.
- In 1843. Rev. J. D. Stevens, A. L. Chapin, J. Kitchell, C. R. French, C. Warner, E. D. Seward, E. W. Hewit, J. Lewis, S. E. Miner, J. P. Foster and M. Wells. Of whom three have left the State.
- In 1844. Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley, L. H. Loss, J. A. Northrop, S. H. Thompson, H. H. Benson, D. Pinkerton, R. R. Snow,

Z. Eddy, M. Montague, O. Johnson, A. Lilley and A. Barlow. Of whom three have left the State.

In 1845. Rev. T. M. Hopkins, L. Clapp, F. H. Pitkin, A. Montgomery, E. B. Coleman, W. Cochran, O. Littlefield, H. Lyman, B. C. Church, I. A. Hart and J. M. Phillips. Of whom one is dead, and four have left the State.

In 1846. Rev. A. S. Allen, J. G. Kanouse, S. S. Bicknell, E. Childs, C. Lord, E. J. Montague, S. W. Eaton, H. Freeman, D. Jones, R. Morris, N. Miller, L. Rood, J. H. Kisson, L. C. Spofford, B. F. Parsons, A. D. Laughlin, D. Lamb and T. Tenney. Of whom one has died, and two have left the State.

In 1847. Rev. J. Gridley, W. C. Fiske, C. W. Camp, S. D. Pitkin, L. Foote, J. G. Craighead and C. Waterbury. Of whom four have left the State.

In 1848. Rev. A. Clark, T. Loomis, W. L. Parsons, W. J. Smith, J. J. Bushnell, J. Emerson, O. W. Norton, W. S. Blanchard and C. W. Matthews. Of whom three have left the State.

In 1849. Rev. A. Eddy, B. Folts, D. P. Brown, S. A. McEwin, N. C. Chapin, Z. M. Humphrey, C. W. Munroe, J. Jameson, C. Jones, W. Herriot and A. Sedgwick. Of whom two have left the State.

In 1850. Rev. J. W. Allen, H. T. Lathrop, C. Morgan, G. W. Bassett, E. Morris, H. M. Parmelle, O. S. Powel, J. B. Preston, C. Boynton, L. Robbins, T. H. Rood, W. H. Spencer, W. A. Niles, J. Reynard, J. H. Martyn, F. G. Sherrill, J. W. Walcott, S. D. Darling and C. C. Mason.

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#### MINISTERS IN THE STATE.

Rev. *Chas. L. Adams*. Came to Wisconsin in 1849. Was licensed by the Milwaukee Convention, and preached a few months at Paris. Returned to the State of New York, and was ordained by the Onondaga Presbytery. Preached a short time in that region. Came to Wisconsin again in October 1850, and is now preaching to the church at Neenah.

Rev. *J. W. Allen*. Formerly preached at Trenton, N. Y. about two years, and was pastor of a Congregational church in Wayland, Mass., seven years. Came to Wisconsin in October 1850 and commenced laboring in Marquette County. Preaches at Marquette and Kingston.

Rev. *A. S. Allen*. Was settled in the ministry at Cuba, N. Y., nine years. Came to Wisconsin in September 1846, and commenced preaching at Dodgeville, where he is still laboring. Preaches a portion of the time in the vicinity.

Rev. *Wm Arms*. Was a missionary under the A. B. C. F. M. about three years. Came to Wisconsin June 1840, and preached two years at Aztalan and Fort Atkinson. Has since been engaged in the practice of medicine. Present residence, Beaver Dam.

Rev. *A. Barlow*. Entered the ministry and labored several years in the Methodist E. Church. Was received into the Milwaukee Convention February 1844. Preached at Pleasant Prairie and Pike Grove about two years. Commenced preaching at Dunkirk, his present field of labors, in 1846.

Rev. *Geo. W. Bassett*. Formerly preached in the State of New York several years, in Philadelphia one year, and in Ottawa, Ill., four years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the Free Congregational church in Milwaukee, in November, 1850.

Rev. *H. H. Benson*. Was licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Geneva in October 1844. Was ordained by the Beloit Convention Feb. 1845. Was installed over the church at Geneva in November of the same year, and still remains their pastor.

Rev. *S. S. Bicknell*. Preached several years at Gouverneur, N. Y., and at Jericho, Vt. Came to Wisconsin in May 1845—engaged in teaching for a time. Commenced preaching December 1846, at Prairie du Lac (now Milton,) where he is still laboring.

Rev. *Chas. Boynton*. Licensed, and preached a few months in the State of New York. Came to Wisconsin, and commenced preaching at Paris in June 1850. Not ordained.

Rev. *E. G. Bradford*. Was settled as pastor at Colebrook, N. H. five years, and at Wardsboro, Vt. seven years. Came to Wisconsin October 1842. Preached at Platteville nearly two years, at Prairie du Sac two years and at Wau-pun three years. Commenced preaching at Princeton, Marquette County, January 1, 1851.

Rev. *L. Bridgeman*. Preached about three years in Northern Ohio and Pennsylvania.—Came to Wisconsin in September, 1842. Preached at Wauwatosa and Granville one year, at Lisbon and Pewaukee one, at Raymond two years, a part of the time at Paris, and one year at Oshkosh. Commenced at Rosendale, his present field of labor, in August 1848.

Rev. *D. P. Brown*. Formerly was pastor of the church at Fort Ann, N. Y. ten years. Labored in Southern Illinois five years. Came to Wisconsin in 1849. Preached a year in Sheboygan and Waukesha Counties. Not engaged in the ministry at the present time. Residence at Beloit.

Rev. *J. J. Bushnell*. Licensed in Ohio. Was Agent for the Western Reserve College several years. Came to Wisconsin in May 1848, being elected Professor in Beloit College.

Rev. *C. C. Caldwell*. Preached at Lenox, N. Y. near two years and in Canada West one year.



Came to Wisconsin in June 1838. Labored at Southport one year, Racine one, Rochester three, and at Waukegan, Ill. four years. Commenced preaching at N. Rochester, in November 1847. a portion of the time at Burlington and other places.

*Rev. F. H. Case.* Was settled several years as pastor at Goshen, Ct., and at Avon. Came to Wisconsin in June 1842. Preached three years at Whitewater and the vicinity. Has not since had charge of any church. Residence near White-water.

*Rev. C. W. Camp.* Was licensed in N. York. Came to Wisconsin in November 1847. Has preached since that time at Genesee, his present field of labor—half the time the first year, at Palmyra. Was ordained January 25, 1848, by the Madison Convention.

*Rev. S. Chaffee.* Preached several years in Central New York. Came to Wisconsin July 1840. Preached one year at Platteville, and one year each at Troy, Salem, Raymond and N. Rochester, Beetown and Fair Play. Commenced laboring in Richland County in July 1850.

*Rev. A. L. Chapin.* Was licensed in N. York. Came to Wisconsin in May 1843, and commenced preaching to the Presbyterian church in Milwaukee. Ordained and installed as pastor of the church January 24, 1844 by the Milwaukee Convention. Was elected President of Beloit College, and entered upon the duties of the office February 1, 1850.

Rev. *N. C. Chapin*. Was licensed in N. York. Came to Wisconsin in November 1849. Supplied the Presbyterian church of Milwaukee ten months. Commenced preaching at Watertown, his present field of labors, in November 1850. Not ordained.

Rev. *B. C. Church*. Entered the ministry and labored six years in connection with the Seventh Day Baptists. Renounced the peculiar views of that denomination and was received into the Beloit Convention in February 1847. Has preached at Evansville (in Union) from that time to the present, spending a portion of the time at Centre, and at Exeter.

Rev. *L. Clapp*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Wauwatosa July 1845. Was ordained in October 1845, and installed in January 1848. Is still pastor of the church.

Rev. *Anson Clark*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin November 1848. Preached as missionary one year in destitute places in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Ordained January 1848, by the Milwaukee Convention. Present field of labor, Brookfield and Granville.

Rev. *Dexter Clary*. Was ordained by Watertown Presbytery, N. Y., and labored as an evangelist seven years. Preached at Montreal, C. E., two years, at Rome, N. Y., one year, and at Brownville, N. Y., two years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced his labors at Beloit, November 1840, and was pastor of the Congre-

gational Church ten years. Appointed agent of the American Home Missionary Society, and commenced his labors July 1850.

Rev. *O. P. Clinton*. Was settled as pastor of a Congregational Church in Essex, Lewis Co., N. Y., seven years. Came to Wisconsin in November 1842. Preached at Southport nearly one year, at Fort Atkinson and Aztalan one year, at Lake Mills and Milford one, and at Neenah three years. Labored as missionary in Northern Wisconsin about two years.

Rev. *W. Cochran*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin October 1845. Preached at Burlington and Spring Prairie two years. Was ordained by the Milwaukee Convention January 1846. Commenced preaching at Baraboo, Sauk County, in November 1847. Labored half the time at Prairie du Sac for two years.

Rev. *O. F. Curtis*. Preached to the Congregational Church in Irasburg, Vt. three years. United with the Methodist E. Church, and labored in that connection seven years. Was stationed at Chicago one year, at Southport two, and at Racine one. Joined the Presbytery of Milwaukee Feb. 1840. Preached to the church in Prairieville five years, to the Free Congregational Church in Milwaukee one and a half year, and at Shopiere two years. Called to the church at Emerald Grove, and commenced his labors Nov. 1, 1850.

Rev. *S. D. Darling*. Preached a number of years in Massachusetts—at Cummington, S. Roy-

alton, S. Yarmouth and N. Orange. Came to Wisconsin in May 1850, and commenced laboring with the churches in Oakfield and Byron.

Rev. *S. W. Eaton*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Lancaster, his present field of labors, October 1846. Was ordained by the Mineral Point Convention January 28, 1847. Preached a portion of time during one or two years at Big Platte.

Rev. *Alfred Eddy*. Preached at Williamson, N. Y. three years. Settled as pastor at Bellona, N. Y. ten years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the Presbyterian Church at Beloit July 1849.

Rev. *Joseph Emerson*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin in May 1848—being elected Professor in Beloit College.

Rev. *Benjamin Foltz*. Labored in Western N. York eight years—chiefly in Cortland County and in northern Ohio three years. Came to Wisconsin October 1849. Preached at Emerald Grove half the time one year. Received a call from the church at Allen's Grove, and was installed as their pastor by the Beloit Convention November 14, 1850.

Rev. *Hiram Foote*. Labored in Northern Ohio one year, and at Joliette, Ill. three years. Came to Wisconsin January 1, 1842. Preached to the Presbyterian Church at Racine over three years, at Mount Zion and Milton two years. Commenced at Janesville, November 1, 1846. Was installed pastor of the church, November 14, 1848, by the Beloit Convention.

Rev. *Lucius Foote*. Was settled as pastor of the church in Trenton, N. Y. five years. Labored in N. Ohio four years and several years at St. Charles, Ill. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Delavan, October 1, 1847.

Rev. *H. Freeman*. Preached in Middlesex, Vt., three years, and at Concord, N. H., three years. Came to Wisconsin October 1846. Labored at Potosi two years, at Shullsburg and New Digings one year. Commenced preaching at Oshkosh July 1849.

Rev. *John Gridley*. Was settled in the ministry at Pompey, N. Y. two years, at Oswego four years, and at Mt. Pelier, Vt., six years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Kenosha August 1847. Installed pastor of the church October 1847.

Rev. *Lemuel Hall*. Preached in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. several years and in various places in Western New York ten years. Came to Wisconsin in 1838. Was the first missionary in Walworth County—preached at Geneva two years and in McHenry County, Ill. several years. Has suspended preaching on account of his health and engaged in teaching. In 1843 he became connected with the Presbytery of Ottawa, Ill., to which the churches, where he then labored, belonged.

Rev. *I. E. Heaton*. Was ordained in N. England. Came to Wisconsin in May 1837. Taught school and preached at Elk Grove one year, and at Belmont about two years. Afterwards engaged

in teaching at Prairie du Chien, and at Mineral Point. Preached to the church at Mount Zion about two years. Commenced at Waterloo, his present field, November 1846.

Rev. *Wm. Herrit*. Licensed by the Cincinnati Presbytery, O. came to Wisconsin in August 1849, and has since labored at Manitowoc and Two Rivers. Not ordained.

Rev. *T. M. Hopkins*. Preached in Vermont three years, in Portage Co. O., two years, at Canton, O., nine years, and at Westfield, N. Y., six years. Came to Wisconsin in August 1845, on a call from the Presbyterian church of Racine. Preached to that church five years. Commenced a new field in that city in April 1850. A house of worship has been erected, and a Congregational church organized, to which he is now preaching.

Rev. *Z. M. Humphrey*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin October 1849 and supplied the Congregational church of Milwaukee six months in the absence of the pastor. Was called to the Presbyterian church of Racine and commenced his labors in April 1850. Ordained and installed as pastor, October 9, 1850, by the Milwaukee Convention.

Rev. *J. Jameson*, is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. Was formerly a preacher in the Methodist E. Church ten years. Came to Wisconsin September 1849, and commenced preaching at Centre, Rock Co. where he is still laboring.

Rev. *O. Johnson*. Preached in Tioga Co. N. Y. three years and in Steuben Co. eight years.



Came to Wisconsin in 1844, preached some time at Bloomfield and other places in Dodge County. Has at present no charge.

Rev. *Jenkin Jenkins*. Entered the ministry in Wales. Came to America in 1832. Preached to the Welsh in New York City four years, and at Dundaff, Pa., ten years. Came to Wisconsin October, 1848, and has since preached to the church on Welsh Prairie and other Welsh settlements.

Rev. *David Jones*. Entered the ministry in Wales. Came to America, and labored a few years among the Welsh at Palmyra, Ohio, and at Sugar Creek, Pa. Came to Wisconsin in 1844. Preached several years to the Welsh churches at Dodgeville and Blue Mounds, and among the settlements of Welsh elsewhere. At the present time preaches to the church at Ridgeway.

Rev. *J. G. Kanouse*. Preached in New Jersey three years, and at Salina and Lodi, Michigan, twelve years. Came to Wisconsin in April 1845 and commenced his labors at Cottage Grove. Preaches a portion of the time in other places in the vicinity.

Rev. *J. H. Kasson*. Licensed in the State of New York. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching in Marquette County October 1846. Was ordained by the Madison Convention September 1847, and preaches to the Presbyterian Church of Marquette County.

Rev. *M. P. Kinney*. Licensed by the General

Convention of Wisconsin. Preached two years at Kenosha and vicinity. Ordained by the Milwaukee Convention January 1844. Commenced preaching at Whitewater February 1, 1844, and was installed pastor of the church March 4, 1846.

Rev *Dana Lamb*. Was pastor of the church at Bridport, Vt. seventeen years. Came to Wisconsin in October 1847, and commenced laboring in his present field. The churches of Alto and Springvale have been gathered and organized under his labors. Preaches to these churches, half the time to each.

Rev. *H. T. Lathrop*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin, and commenced preaching at Palmyra in May 1850. Was ordained by the Madison Convention Sept. 1850.

Rev. *A. D. Laughlin*. Licensed in Illinois. Commenced preaching at Wyoming in March 1846. Was ordained by the Mineral Point Convention October 7, 1847. Preaches a portion of the time in other places in the region.

Rev. *John Lewis*. Licensed in New York. Came to Wisconsin in October 1843. Preached at New Diggings four years—a portion of the time at Fair Play and other places in the vicinity. Was ordained by the Mineral Point Convention May 8, 1844. Called to Platteville and commenced preaching to that church in September 1847. Installed as pastor January 27, 1847.

Rev. *Alvah Lilley*. Preached at Hamilton, N. Y. three years, at Newfield five years, and at

Gorham, N. Y. five years. Came to Wisconsin in July 1844. Has since preached to the church at Pewaukee half the time—a portion of the time for one year at Lisbon, and since at Warren.

Rev. *Theron Loomis*. Preached at Mendon, Ill. one year, and at Roscoe one year. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Raymond March 1848. Installed pastor of the church January 9, 1850.

Rev. *Chas. Lord*. Licensed in New England. Labored two and a half years in Missouri. Was ordained by a Presbytery in that State. Came to Wisconsin in 1846, and commenced preaching at Madison in October of that year.

Rev. *H. Lyman*. Preached in Arcade, N. Y. two years, at Jordan one, and at Truxton two years. Came to Wisconsin August 1845. Preached to the Congregational Church at Sheboygan two years. Commenced preaching to the Presbyterian Church in January 1850.

Rev. *Cutting Marsh*. Labored as missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. among the Stockbridge Indians in Wisconsin eighteen years. Preached at Depere six months, and has since labored as missionary among the destitute places and feeble churches within the bounds of the Madison Convention.

Rev. *H. Marsh*. Was teacher at Galesburg, Ill. several years. Came to Wisconsin January 1842. Preached at Wauwatosa one year, and at Pike Grove three years. Commenced laboring at Sheboygan Falls June 1847.

Rev. *J. H. Martyn*. Preached at Haverhill and other places in Massachusetts about seven years, at Little Falls, N. Y. one year, at Buffalo three years, and several years in New York city. Came to Wisconsin, and commenced preaching at Waukesha October 1850.

Rev. *C. C. Mason*. Licensed in England. Ordained by the Wesleyan Methodists at Providence, R. I. in 1842. Joined the Rhode Island Consociation in 1843. Preached in Providence Rhode Island three years. Came to Wisconsin August 1850. Preaches at Exeter and vicinity.

Rev. *C. W. Matthews*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin October 1848. Labored one year in Green County, and one year at Arena and Blue Mounds. Commenced preaching to the church at Sun Prairie January 1, 1851. Not ordained.

Rev. *S. A. Mc Ewin*. Preached at Coventry, N. Y. four years, in Chenango County, N. Y. three years and at Le Raysville, Pa. five years. Came to Wisconsin October 1849, and commenced his labors at Lisbon.

Rev. *N. Miller*. Labored in central N. Y. three years, and in Lake county, Ill., one year. Came to Wisconsin in 1846. Preached at Lisbon and vicinity three years. Laboring at the present time in Marquette Co.

Rev. *S. E. Miner*. Licensed in New-York. Came to Wisconsin, October 1843. Preached at Madison three years; was ordained by the Beloit Convention, February 12, 1844. Com-

menced his labors at Elkhorn in October 1846. Supplied the church of Sugar Creek a part of the time.

Rev. *J. J. Miter*. Licensed in New York. Came to Illinois in 1837, was ordained and preached at Knoxville, four years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the Congregational church in Milwaukee, November, 1841. Installed pastor of the church January 4, 1844, by the Milwaukee Convention.

Rev. *E. J. Montague*. Ordained and preached a few months in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Summit, June 1846—was installed pastor of the church Jan. 12, 1848, by the Milwaukee Convention.

Rev. *M. Montague*. Ordained in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced his labors at Fort Atkinson, Nov. 1844. Preached half the time at Jefferson one year and at Koshkenong four years.

Rev. *Chas. Morgan*. Preached at Geneseo, N. Y. two years, at Attica three years, and in Mississippi four years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced his labors at East Troy, July 1850.

Rev. *Edward Morris*. Ordained by a council in Belfast, Ireland. Preached several years in Belfast, Limerick and Dublin. Came to America in 1847, connected with the General Association of Massachusetts and preached a few years in that State. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Potosi, October 1850.

Rev. *Richard Morris*, (Welsh.) Ordained in

Wales. Belonged to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Came to America in 1845. Preached at the Welsh chapel in New York a short time. Came to Wisconsin September, 1846. Preaches to the Welsh churches in Delafield and Emmet.

Rev. *Chas. W. Munroe*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin October, 1849. Preached at Blake's Prairie and vicinity one year. Was ordained by a Council, January 5, 1850. Commenced preaching at Appleton, November, 1850.

Rev. *W. A. Niles*. Ordained in New York. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the church at Beaver Dam, July 1850.

Rev. *J. A. Northrop*. Labored in several places in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. Came to Wisconsin in May 1844. Preached at Bloomfield, Dodge Co., one year, and at Lowell and Clyman about two years. Not preaching regularly at present.

Rev. *M. Ordway*. Labored several years in western New York, and in Michigan. Came to Wisconsin in 1836. Preached at S. Prairieville one year, Pike Grove nearly two years, Beaver Dam two years, and in numerous places in that region as temporary or occasional supply. Has not charge of any church.

Rev. *H. M. Parmelee*. Labored in Bainbridge, O., two and a half years, and at Hartford, Licking Co., five years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Fairfield and Dodge Centre, September 1850.



Rev. *Wm. L. Parsons*. Preached at Newark, N. J., two and a half years, and at Aurora, Ill., four years. Came to Wisconsin in July 1848. Preached to the Free Congregational Church in Milwaukee two years. Commenced laboring as city missionary in Milwaukee, November 1850.

Rev. *B. F. Parsons*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin, September 1846. Preached one year at Watertown, where he was ordained by a Council, January 1847. Commenced laboring at Waukegan, Ill., September 1847. Installed pastor of the church, June 1848, by the Milwaukee Convention.

Rev. *Stephen Peet*. Licensed in New England. Settled as pastor in northern Ohio seven years. Secretary and Agent of the American Bethel Society at Buffalo, N. Y., four years. Came to Wisconsin October 1837. Preached at Green Bay two years and at Milwaukee two years. Agent of the American Home Missionary Society seven years. At the present time is agent of Beloit College.

Rev. *J. M. Phillips*. Licensed in New York. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Hazel Green in April 1846. Was ordained in September 1846, by the Mineral Point Convention. Preached half the time at Fair Play two years. Installed pastor of the church at Hazel Green in November 1847.

Rev. *D. Pinkerton*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin in October 1844. Preached at Elkhorn and Sugar Creek two years. Or-

dained by the Beloit Convention February 1845. Commenced his labors at Salem January 1, 1847.

Rev. *Jer. Porter*. Ordained in New England. Was missionary of the A. H. M. S. to the Sault St. Mary in 1831. Preached at that place two years. Afterwards labored at Chicago, Illinois, nearly three years. At Peoria two years, and at Farmington two years. Came to Wisconsin, June 1840, and commenced preaching at Green Bay. Installed pastor of the church, January 3, 1841, by the Wisconsin Convention.

Rev. *O. S. Powell*. Preached in central and western New York eight years. Labored in the Sabbath cause about ten years, principally in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Shopiere October 1850.

Rev. *J. B. Preston*. Labored in the ministry at Byron, N. Y. six years, and in other places in that region, six years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Berlin (Strong's Landing) September 1850.

Rev. *J. Reynard*. Licensed at Cincinnati, Ohio. Came to Wisconsin July 1850, and commenced preaching at Shullsburg and vicinity.

Rev. *L. Robbins*. Preached in Massachusetts three years. Came to Wisconsin May 1850, and commenced preaching at Fair Play and Jamestown.

Rev. *L. Rogers*. Preached at Owasco, N. Y. three years, Sparta three, and in Allegany Co. three years. Came to Wisconsin, June 1841. Preached at Geneva two years, at Hebron and

Richmond, Illinois, two years, and at Bloomfield, Walworth County, three years. Present residence Linn, Wisconsin.

Rev. *T. H. Rood*. Native of England. Ordained in New England. Preached at Jamacia, Vermont, two years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the Congregational Church at Sheboygan, November 12, 1850.

Rev. *C. E. Rosenkrans*. Licensed in New York. Came to Wisconsin, October 1842. Preached at Troy two years. Ordained by the Beloit Convention, February 15, 1843. Labored at East Troy five years. Commenced at Columbus, October 1849. Preaches half the time at Fountain Prairie.

Rev. *Jas. Saxby*. Was formerly connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. United with a Congregational body in Ohio. Came to Wisconsin in 1847. Preached to the church at Sugar Creek, nearly a year. Removed to Sauk County and preaches at Reedsburg and vicinity. Not connected with the Convention.

Rev. *E. D. Seward*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin in September 1843. Ordained by the Milwaukee Convention October 25, 1843. Preached at Southport one year and a half, at South Prairieville and Genesee one year, and at Lake Mills since April 1846. Half the time the first two years, at Milford.

Rev. *F. G. Sherrill*. Ordained in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced his ministry at Ceresco, November 1850.

Rev. *Wm. J. Smith*. Preached in Erie County, Pennsylvania, two years. Came to Wisconsin September 1848, and commenced preaching at Delafield.

Rev. *Wm. H. Spencer*. Was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, N. Y. five years. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching to the Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, October 1850.

Rev. *L. C. Spofford*. Licensed in New England. Came to Wisconsin and commenced his labors at Fond du Lac, September 1846. Ordained by a council February, 1847.

Rev. *R. R. Snow*. Came to Wisconsin in 1840 and settled as a lawyer. Afterwards returned to New England and studied theology. Licenced by the Convention of Wisconsin. Preached at Milton one year. Ordained and installed pastor of the church at Troy, February 25, 1845, by the Milwaukee Convention. Commenced preaching at Rochester, October 1, 1847.

Rev. *J. D. Stevens*. Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. among the Indians in the North West, 14 years. Came to Wisconsin December 1841. Preached at Prairie du Chien two years. Platteville three years, and at Willow Springs three years. Commenced preaching at Monroe January 1, 1850.

Rev. *Thos. Tenney*. Preached in Maine six years. Was teacher in that State four years.—Principal of the Grand River Institute at Austinburg, Ohio, six years. Came to Wisconsin Sep-

tember 1846. Labored at Waukesha six months and at Pike Grove three years. Preached at Pleasant Prairie and Bristol, half the time in each place.

Rev. *S. H. Thompson*. Preached in Ohio one year. Came to Wisconsin Oct. 1843. Labored a few months at Jefferson and Watertown—at Shopiere four years and at Johnstown from October 1846, half the time at Emerald Grove and at Mount Zion one year each.

Rev. *C. Warner*. Labored seven years in central New York. Came to Wisconsin June 1843. Preached at S. Prairieville one and a half year, and at Potosi two years. Commenced his labors at Elk Grove Nov. 1, 1846. Installed pastor of the church November 3, 1847.

Rev. *J. W. Walcott*. Preached two years in Cortland Co., N. Y., and engaged in teaching four years at Elbridge and Auburn, N. Y. Came to Wisconsin September 1850, and commenced preaching at Menasha. Not ordained.

Rev. *M. Wells*. Ordained in N. Y. Came to Wisconsin October, 1843. Preached at Rochester and Burlington about four years. Commenced his labors at Troy, October 1847.

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#### MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Four ministers who have labored as Home missionaries among the churches in Wisconsin, were



once Foreign missionaries under the A. B. C. F. M., viz: Rev. C. Marsh, J. D. Stevens, Wm. Arms, and J. G. Kanouse. Some of these now occupy fields in the vicinity of the places where they once labored as Foreign missionaries, and even farther west. Thus the Home effort overtakes the Foreign enterprise and both rejoice together. The fields of labor which these brethren formerly occupied are as follows:

Rev. *Cutting Marsh*. Was appointed by the A. B. C. F. M. as missionary to the Stockbridge Indians in 1829. Immediately on leaving the seminary at Andover, he started for the West and spent the winter at a missionary station on the Maumee River in Ohio. In the spring of 1830 he came to Green Bay and commenced his labors among the Stockbridge Indians at Statesburgh. These Indians removed in 1834 to Stockbridge on the east side of Lake Winnebago. Mr. Marsh continued his labors among them eighteen years and five months. Left in September 1848 and commenced laboring as a home missionary under appointment of the A. H. M. S.

Rev. *J. D. Stevens*. Joined the mission station at Mackinac in 1827 in the capacity of a teacher, and continued one year. Was connected with the mission among the Stockbridge Indians at the station on Fox River from 1828 to 1833. During this time, however, he made a tour of survey among the Sioux or Dakota Indians and the Ojibeways. Afterwards he returned to the State of New York, pursued his Theological



studies, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Cortland. Was again stationed at Mackinac during the winter of 1834 and '35. In the spring of 1835, under the direction of the A. B. C. F. M., he proceeded with his family into the Sioux country, (now the Territory of Minnesota,) and commenced a station among the Sioux or Dakota Indians, five miles from the Falls of St. Anthony, where he remained nearly five years. In November 1841 he came to Prairie du Chien and commenced preaching as a Home missionary after having spent *fourteen* years as a Foreign missionary.

Rev. *Wm. Arms*, in company with Mr. Coan, who is now at the Sandwich Islands, visited Patagonia, in South America, in 1833, under appointment of the A. B. C. F. M., and made a tour of survey. Returned in 1834, and after pursuing a course of medical studies, with reference to laboring on missionary ground, he was sent by the Board to the East Indies—Buried his wife on the Island of Java, and spent two years at Borneo, where the Board had, at that time, a missionary station. His health failed, and he returned to America in 1837, and settled in Vermont as a physician. In 1840, having recovered his voice, he came to Wisconsin and preached about three years; but for several years has engaged in the profession of medicine, and ceased preaching.

Rev. *J. G. Kanouse*. Was connected with the mission station at Elliott among the Cherokee In-

dians in 1829 and 1830, under the A. B. C. F. M., as a layman, giving his time and services to the Board. Returned to N. Jersey, and entered the ministry in 1831.

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MINISTERS WHO HAVE LABORED IN WISCONSIN, AND LEFT.

Rev. *S. Baker*. From the Congregational Association of western N. York. Came to Wisconsin in July 1841, and labored two years with the churches of Lisbon and Pewaukee, a part of the time one year at Warren and Summit. Removed to Illinois in 1843, and is now connected with the Ottawa Presbytery.

Rev. *E. C. Birge*. From Vermont. Preached at Salem six months from Oct. 1844. Went to Illinois, where he has labored in several places. Is now preaching to the church at Momence in that State. Was not connected with the Convention.

Rev. *W. S. Blanchard*. From N. Illinois. Came to Sheboygan November 1, 1848. Preached to the Congregational Church in that place two years, and returned to Illinois. His present residence is not known.

Rev. *W. E. Boardman*. Preached at Potosi from August 1842 nearly two years. Left and went to Ohio, where he labored a few years. Is now acting as Sabbath School agent in Michigan. He was ordained in Illinois.

Rev. *C. H. A. Bulkley*. Came to Wisconsin in 1844. Preached at Janesville two years, half the time one year at Mt. Zion. Returned in 1846 to N. Y. and settled at Mt. Morris, Livingston Co.

Rev. *Robert Carver*. Preached at Lancaster six months, from December 1844 to May 1845. Returned to New England and is settled at Raynham, Mass.

Rev. *E. B. Coleman*. Formerly labored in western New York and Canada. Came to Wisconsin in 1845, and preached one year at Salem. Has since labored in Illinois. Is at the present time in Ohio.

Rev. *J. M. Clarke*. Came to Wisconsin July 1841 from Kentucky. Preached at Madison two years was chaplain to the garrison at Ft. Winnebago two years. He is now residing at Ottawa, Ill., not engaged in regular preaching.

Rev. *Noah Cooke*. Came to Wisconsin in 1842. Preached two years at Mineral Point, and one year at places in the vicinity. Left in 1845 and was in N. Illinois for a time. Formerly labored in northern Ohio and Michigan. Has since returned to that region, and is reported as a member of the Presbytery of St. Joseph, W. C.

Rev. *J. G. Craighead*. From the Theological Seminary in New York city. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Watertown October 1847. Preached two years. Left in 1849. Is now preaching at Northumberland, Pa.

Rev. *G. Crawford*. Came from Albion, N. Y.

and commenced preaching at Milwaukee July 1837. He aided in organizing the Presbytery of Wisconsin, which afterwards became the Convention of Wisconsin. Preached at Milwaukee two years. Returned to Leroy, N. Y., one of his former fields of labor. Died in 1848.

Rev. *A. M. Dixon*. Was engaged in teaching at Platteville a few years, and was ordained by the Convention of Wisconsin March 1842. Preached at Fair Play and other places in that region nearly two years. Went to Ohio in 1843, and spent a few years. Is now preaching at Carlinsville, Ill.

Rev. *Z. Eddy*. Who was formerly settled in Springville N.Y. Came to Wisconsin in November 1844, and commenced his labors at Mineral Point, where he preached six years. Was installed as pastor of the church by the Mineral Point Convention February 13, 1845. Dismissed to the Buffalo Presbytery July 1850, and is now settled at Warsaw, N. Y.

Rev. *W. C. Fiske*. From East Windsor Theological Seminary. Came to Wisconsin in 1847. Preached one year at Oconomewoc, from October 1847, and at Palmyra from October 1848 to April 1850. Returned to New England and is now settled as pastor of the church in Marlborough, Ct.

Rev. *J. P. Foster*. Came to Wisconsin in 1843 from Ontario Presbytery, N. Y. Preached at Oconomewoc and Summit from November of that year to February 1845, when his health failed,

and in May he returned to Massachusetts, his native State. Is now settled over a church at Sweden, Maine.

Rev. *C. R. French*. Came to Wisconsin in 1843 and commenced his ministry at Geneva. Was ordained by the Beloit Convention in February 1848. Preached one year at Geneva. Went to Illinois and has labored in several places. Is now preaching at Udina in that State.

Rev. *I. A. Hart*. Who formerly preached at Sandusky city and at Medina, Ohio. Came to Wisconsin and commenced preaching at Kenosha (then Southport,) in May 1845, where he labored two years. Left in 1847 and preached at Hebron and Richmond in Ill. Is now at Greenwood in that State conducting an academy and preaching to the church.

Rev. *A. Harwood*. Came from Ohio a licensed preacher in July 1843. Commenced preaching at Salem, and was ordained by the Milwaukee Convention in October. Left in May 1844, and returned to Ohio. Is now teaching at Conneaut, Ohio.

Rev. *E. W. Hewitt*. Came to Wisconsin in September 1843,—a licentiate of the New Haven West Association, Ct. Labored at Prairie du Lac two and a half years. Was ordained by the Beloit Convention in February 1848. Left in May 1846, and has since been preaching at 12 Mile Grove, Winnebago Co., Ill.

Rev. *C. Jones*. Who formerly preached in several places in New York. Came to Wisconsin



in November 1849. Preached six months at Waukesha. Returned in May 1850, and is at Syracuse, without charge.

Rev. *O. Littlefield*. Formerly labored several years in Indiana and northern Illinois. Came to Wisconsin in 1845. Preached at Lancaster two years and at Blake's Prairie two years. Left in 1850, and is now preaching in Iowa.

Rev. *L. H. Loss*. Came to Wisconsin in 1848. Was Principal of Beloit Seminary until August 1846, when he accepted a call to the Congregational Church in Rockford, Ill. He has since removed to Chicago, and is pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in that city. Was formerly settled at York Mills, N. Y. and at Elyria, Ohio.

Rev. *G. F. Magoun*. Came west and engaged in teaching at Galena and Platteville about two years. Returned to New England and studied Theology. Came to Wisconsin again in 1847. Was ordained by the Mineral Point Convention. Preached six months at Shullsburg. Received a call to the Second Presbyterian Church in Galena, and commenced his labors in that place in May 1848.

Rev. *A. Montgomery*. Who formerly preached at Mayville, N. Y., and taught at Westfield. Came to Wisconsin in October 1845, and commenced preaching at Beaver Dam. Labored in that place five years. Was appointed agent of the American Tract Society, and removed to Chicago in September 1850.



Rev. *O. W. Norton*. Who had labored at Rockford and at Roscoe, Ill. Came to Wisconsin in May 1848. Preached at Aztalan and Jefferson one year, and at Jefferson and vicinity one year. His wife died and he left with his children in May 1850, and is now in the city of New York.

Rev. *Erwin Page*. Preached at Fair Play and vicinity from December 1844 to May 1845. Returned East, and is now at Cincinnati, O. Not engaged in the work of the ministry.

Rev. *Daniel Parker*. Came from Vermont. Preached at Summit six months, from December 1845 to June 1846. Returned to Vermont and has since died.

Rev. *L. Parker*. Preached one year at Spring Prairie from September 1844, and returned to Illinois where he had previously labored. He is now preaching at Bloomingdale in that State.

Rev. *J. U. Parsons*. Came to Wisconsin in May 1840 from the Association of Taunton, Mass. Preached at Southport six months, at Raymond and Franklin about two years. Spent about a year in various schemes for establishing a literary institution. Left in 1844, and returned to New England. His present residence is in Georgia.

Rev. *S. D. Pitkin*. Came to Wisconsin in 1847. Preached at New Diggings one year, from September 1847 to September 1848. Was ordained by the Mineral Point Convention January 26, 1848. Is now preaching at Battle Creek, Mich.

Rev. *L. Rood*. Came from Illinois in January 1845. Preached one year at Franklin and Caledonia and one at Paris. Was formerly connected with the Methodist E. Church. Left in 1848, and went East. Has since been preaching in Douglass, Mass.

Rev. *A. Sedgewick*. From Ogden, N. York. Came to Wisconsin, and preached at East Troy six months, from November 1849 to April 1850. Returned and is now preaching at Hamilton, N. Y.

Rev. *S. Smalley*. Came to Wisconsin, and commenced preaching at Whitewater in May 1841. Left at the close of one year. Has since labored in northern Illinois. Is now preaching at Chemung in that State. He formerly labored in western New York, and at Huron, O.

Rev. *W. W. Thayer*. Spent about a year in the State. Arrived in November 1842. Preached nine months at Prairie du Lac, (Milton.) Returned to New England, and is settled at Lyndon, Vermont.

Rev. *C. Waterbury*. Who formerly labored in Freeport, Ill. Commenced preaching at Allen's Grove in July 1847. Labored two years. Left in July 1849, and is now settled at Jordan, N. Y.

Rev. *C. L. Watson*. Came to Wisconsin from Rockford, Ill., and commenced preaching at Milwaukee June 1, 1841. Left at the close of one year. Has since preached in several places in northern Ohio. Is now at Tecumseh, Mich.

ACCOUNT OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE DIED IN  
WISCONSIN.

Rev. *Wm. M. Adams*. Died at Mineral Point March 12, 1842. He was a native of Connecticut and was educated at Union College. Entered the ministry in 1819, and was settled as pastor in Tompkins Co., N. Y. nine years. Afterwards preached at Milan, O. two years, and at Painesville four years. Returned to western New York, and labored a few years. Came to the West in 1837, and settled at Pecatonica, (now Rockton,) Ill. Preached there and at Beloit nearly four years—organized the churches in both these places. In the fall of 1841, he was called to the Presbyterian Church at Mineral Point, and had been engaged a few months in his labors with cheering prospects, when he was called to leave the field of his labors on earth, and to enter his rest. He died at the age of 53.

Rev. *Nathaniel Kingsbury*. Was a native of New Hampshire—graduated at Amherst College. Was ordained and settled at Mount Vernon, N. H. ten years. Came to Illinois in 1835, and labored at Danville and vicinity about five years. Came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1840. Preached at Racine six months. Commenced laboring at S. Prairieville in April 1841, and continued to preach till the spring of 1843, when his health began to fail. He died July 12, 1843, aged 46.

Rev. *David A. Sherman*. Died at Racine, December 4, 1843, aged 62. He came to Wis-

consin in June 1840, and commenced preaching at East Troy where he remained three years. Afterwards he labored a few months at Pike Grove and Mount Pleasant. Was taken sick and carried to the house of a relative in Racine, where he died in about two weeks. Mr. S. was a native of New Haven, Ct.,—was educated in Yale College, and had spent most of his life in teaching. Was several years the President of a College in Tennessee. His labors and counsels were highly valued among us, and he was found at his post ready and waiting when the summons came.

Rev. *Silas Hubbard*. Who was from the Presbytery of Angelica, N. Y., and had formerly labored in several places in that region. Came to Wisconsin in 1840—preached occasionally in different places, but had not charge of a church. He was advanced in life—had seen much affliction, and finally settled on a small piece of land near N. Rochester, where he lived an exemplary life, and was useful to the church in that place. He died in August 1846, aged 65.

Rev. *Edward Allen*. Came to Wisconsin in 1846, and died a few months after his arrival. He was a native of Connecticut—graduated at Yale College, entered the Law and spent several years in the practice in Oneida Co., N. Y. Left that profession under a conviction that it was his duty to preach the gospel—entered the ministry in 1832, and preached several years at Bridgewater and at Paris Hill, N. Y. His health

failed, and he removed to this State and settled his family in the vicinity of the village of Fulton, Rock Co., intending, on the recovery of his health, to resume his labors as a minister. He died September 19, 1846, in the 51st year of his age. His remains were subsequently removed to Rockton, Ill., and his family returned East.

Rev. *Fred. H. Pitkin*. Commenced and closed his labors in the ministry in Wisconsin. He was a native of East Hartford, Ct. Was educated at Amherst College and East Windsor Theological Seminary. Was ordained in September 1845, and received a commission from the A. H. M. S. to labor in the West. Came to Wisconsin, and commenced preaching to the Congregational Church at Delavan in October 1845, where he continued to labor until the time of his melancholy death, which occurred April 26, 1847. He was a young man of undoubted piety and good talents. His prospects of a life of usefulness were cheering, and his friends fondly anticipated great good from his labors in this western field. But the ways of Providence are often mysterious. He died by his own hands, under a gloomy mental derangement, at the age of 27, having been in the ministry less than two years.

Rev. *Eber Child*. Died at Fulton, Rock Co., December 15, 1847, aged 48 years. He was a native of Vermont. Was educated at Dartmouth College and Andover Theological Seminary. Was settled a few years at Deering, N. H., and at Calais, Me. In 1839 he came to western New



York and labored several years, principally at Byron and Newstead. Came to Wisconsin in October 1846. Preached at Mt. Zion several months, and had removed his family into the town of Fulton, (east side of Rock River,) where he expected to organize a church and preach alternately, there and at Mt. Zion. He died after a very short sickness, leaving evidence from a life of consistent piety and usefulness, of his being an accepted servant of Christ.

Rev. *A. D. Harris*. Came to Wisconsin in October 1849 in feeble health, and was not able to preach after his arrival. He reached Wau-pun where he remained at the house of Rev. E. G. Bradford, gradually declining until the 9th of June 1850, when he closed his earthly career. His age was 29. He was a native of New Hampshire. Was educated at Bangor, Me. Preached one year at Standish in that State. Came to Wisconsin under a commission from the A. H. M. S. and was permitted to enter the field he had selected, not however to labor, but to die.

Rev. *Wm. Marchant*. Came to Wisconsin in 1844 and located his family in Warren, Waukesha Co. He once followed the seas and was captain of a merchant vessel a number of years. After his conversion he left that employment, pursued a suitable course of study and entered the ministry. Was ordained and preached ten years in Massachusetts, chiefly on Martha's Vineyard. He labored about three years at



Warren, when his health, which had been feeble for some years, compelled him to cease preaching. He died November 30, 1850, aged 52.

Rev. A. Gaston. The name of this brother is placed among the ministers of Wisconsin who have died, notwithstanding he had removed from the State and become connected with another body a short time previous to his death. He was seven years a member of our Convention, a successful laborer in this field, and a brother beloved. Mr. Gaston was pastor of the church at Delavan, and preached a portion of the time at Elkhorn and Sugar Creek. He died at Galesburg, Ill., December 21, 1849, aged 40. In his last days on earth, he was a very great sufferer, but the gospel which he preached with earnestness and fidelity to others, proved adequate to his support and comfort when flesh and heart were failing him. In an interview with a ministerial brother from this State, who was Providentially in the place and called on him a few days before his death, he said "I expect to go soon. All I have done is nothing. My confidence is alone in Jesus Christ. I trust that through him I shall stand accepted. Tell my brethren in Wisconsin that I love them. My heart is with them. I love their organization, and the harmony which always existed among them. Tell them to *let nothing interrupt that harmony and to be faithful.* I expect to meet them in heaven."

### MINISTERS IN THE STATE CONNECTED WITH OTHER ECLESIASTICAL BODIES.

Two ministers who were formerly members of the Convention, connected themselves with the O. S. Presbytery at the time of its organization in 1847. One of them was early on the ground, aided in the organization of the Convention, and was a member six years. Both were licensed and ordained by Congregational bodies. One of them was ordained by the Hampshire Association, Mass. in 1839, expressly *for the West*.

Two other ministers are connected with N. S. Presbyteries in Illinois. One of them united while laboring in that State among churches which belonged to Presbytery. The other was never connected with the Convention, but is pastor of an Independent Presbyterian Church. Both of these were also ordained by Congregational bodies.

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There have been five ministers connected with the Conventions in Wisconsin, while laboring in Illinois, and eight churches in that State have belonged to the Conventions. Two of these ministers and one church, have been dismissed to the Presbytery in Illinois, and two ministers and two churches to Congregational Associations in that State. One minister and five churches in Illinois are still connected with the Convention.

ADDITIONAL—WELSH MINISTERS.

Rev. *Wm. Parry*. Ordained in Wales. Came to Wisconsin in 1848. Preached to the Welsh Church at Dodgeville nearly two years.

Rev. *Evan J. Evans*. Came to Wisconsin in 1848. Preaches to the Welsh Congregational Church at Racine.

Rev. *David Lewis*. Preaches to the Welsh Churches at Oshkosh, Neenah, and Utica.

Rev. *Owen Owens*. Preaches to the Welsh Church near Berlin. Was ordained over that Church December 1850.

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PECULIAR CASES.

*I. Coddington*. Was ordained by a Council at Waukesha, in 1848. Preached at that place one year, and returned to Illinois, where he is lecturing on Biology, &c. He was not connected with the Convention, and never had their confidence or countenance as a minister of the gospel.

*D. McPherson*. Formerly belonged to the Independents in England. Was ordained by a Council at Mt. Pleasant in 1840, and preached about two years. Has since been excluded from the Church.

*P. W. Nichols*. Formerly a preacher in the Methodist E. Church. Was received into Convention in 1842. Preached about two years at Prairie du Sac. His ministrations being unacceptable, he turned to other employments, and has since been deposed from the ministry for immoral conduct.

## TABLE

Containing a list of the ministers in Wisconsin, their native State, place of education, date of their ordination, ministerial age, and the date of their arrival in the State.

MINISTERS.	NATIVE STATE.	EDUCATED.	ORDAINED.	MIN ARRIVED IN AGE WISCONSIN.
Chas. L. Adams	N. Y.	N. Y.	Sept. 1850	Oct. 1850
A. S. Allen	Mass.	NE&NY	July 1837	14 Sept. 1846
J. W. Allen	Mass.	N. Eng.	Jan. 1839	12 Oct. 1850
Wm. Arms	Vt.	N. Eng.	July 1833	17 June 1840
Ab. Barlow	N. H.	N. Eng.	Aug. 1843	7 1845
Geo. W. Bassett	N. Y.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1845	6 Nov. 1850
H. H. Benson	Vt.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1845	6 Oct. 1844
S. S. Bicknell	N. H.	NE&NY	June 1838	13 May 1845
Chas. Boynton*	N. Y.	N. Y.		June 1850
E. G. Bradford	N. H.	N. Eng.	1830	20 Oct. 1842
D. P. Brown	Vt.	N. Eng.	1830	20 April 1849
L. Bridgeman	Mass.	Ohio	Oct. 1840	10 Sept. 1842
J. J. Bushnell*	Ct.	N.E. & O.		May 1848
C. C. Cadwell	N. Y.	Ohio	July 1835	15 July 1838
C. W. Camp	Ct.	NE&NY	Jan. 1848	3 Nov. 1847
F. H. Case	Ct.	N. Eng.	1825	25 June 1842
S. Chaffee	Mass.	NJ.&NY	1836	16 July 1840
A. L. Chapin	Ct.	NE&NY	Jan. 1844	7 May 1843
N. C. Chapin*	Ct.	NE&NY		Nov. 1849
B. C. Church	N. Y.	N. Y.	Oct. 1841	9 1845
L. Clapp	Mass.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1845	5 July 1845
A. Clark	Mass.	N. Eng.	Jan. 1849	2 Nov. 1848
D. Clary	Mass.	NY&NE	Feb. 1829	22 Nov. 1840
O. P. Clinton	Vt.	N. Y.	Oct. 1835	15 Nov. 1842
W. Cochran	Vt.	NY&Va.	Jan. 1846	5 Oct. 1845
O. F. Curtis	N. H.	N. Eng.	Jan. 1830	21 1840
S. D. Darling	Mass.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1841	10 May 1850
S. W. Eaton	Mass.	N. Eng.	Jan. 1848	3 Oct. 1846
A. Eddy	N. Y.	N. Y.	1838	12 July 1849
J. Emerson*	Ct.	N. Eng.		May 1848
Benj. Foltz	N. Y.	Ohio	July 1834	16 Oct. 1849

MINISTERS.	NATIVE STATE.	EDUCATED.	ORDAINED.	MIN AGE	ARRIVED IN WISCONSIN.
H. Foote	N. Y.	N.Y.& O.	Feb. 1839	12	Jan. 1842
L. Foote	Vt.	N. Y.	1829	22	Oct. 1847
H. Freeman	Vt.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1843	7	Oct. 1846
J. Gridley	N. Y.	NY&NE	Sept. 1835	15	Aug. 1847
L. Hall		N. Eng.	1825	25	Sept. 1838
I. E. Heaton	Mass.	N. Eng.	April 1837	14	May 1837
Wm. Herrit*	Ill.	Ill. & O.			Aug. 1849
T. M. Hopkins	Vt.	N. Eng.	July 1829	21	Aug. 1845
Z. M. Humphrey	Mass.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1850		Oct. 1849
J. Jameson	Scot'l'd		1843	7	Sept. 1849
J. Jenkins	Wales	Wales	Nov. 1832	18	Oct. 1848
O. Johnson	Mass.	NE&NY	Sept. 1833	17	April 1845
D. Jones	Wales	Wales.	May 1831	11	1844
J. G. Kanouse	N. J.	N. Y.	1830	20	April 1846
J. H. Kasson	N. Y.	N. Y.	Sept. 1847	3	Sept. 1846
M. P. Kinney	N. Y.	N.Y.& O.	Jan. 1844	7	Feb. 1841
D. Lamb	Vt.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1831	20	Oct. 1847
H. T. Lathrop	Mass.	N. Eng.	Sept. 1850		May 1850
A. D. Laughlin	Ken.	Wis.&Ill.	Oct. 1847	3	Mar. 1846
J. Lewis	Mass.	NE&NY	May 1844	7	Oct. 1843
A. Lilley	Mass.	NE&NY	1828	22	July 1844
T. Loomis	N. Y.	Ill. & O.	Oct. 1845	5	Mar. 1848
Chas. Lord	Mass.	N. Eng.	1843	7	Sept. 1846
H. Lyman	Ct.	Ohio.	Sept. 1837	13	Aug. 1845
C. Marsh	Vt.	N. Eng.	Sept. 1829	21	May 1830
H. Marsh	N. Y.	N.Y.&Ill.	June 1842	9	Jan. 1842
J. H. Martyn	Mass.	N. Eng.	Aug. 1827	23	Oct. 1850
C. C. Mason	Eng.	England.	1842	8	Aug. 1850
C. W. Mathews*	Vt.	N. Eng.			Oct. 1848
S. A. McEwen	N. Y.	N. Y.	May 1837	14	Oct. 1849
N. Miller	N. Y.	N. Y.	Oct. 1841	7	Oct. 1846
S. E. Miner	Vt.	N. Y.	Feb. 1844	7	Oct. 1843
J. J. Miter	N. Y.	N. Y.	Mar. 1838	3	Nov. 1841
E. J. Montague	Mass.	N. Eng.	May 1846	5	June 1846
M. Montague	Mass.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1844	6	Nov. 1844

MINISTERS.	NATIVE STATE.	EDUCATED.	ORDAINED.	MIN AGE	ARRIVED IN WISCONSIN.
Chas. Morgan	N. Y.	N. Y.	Oct. 1843	7	July 1850
Ed. Morris	Eng.	England.	1840	10	Oct. 1850
R. Morris	Wales	Wales.	unknown.		Oct. 1846
C. W. Munroe	Mass.	N. Eng.	Dec. 1849	1	Oct. 1849
W. A. Niles	N. Y.	N. Y.	June 1850	1	July 1850
J. A. Northrop	N. Y.	N. Y.	Aug. 1839	21	May 1844
M. Ordway	N. H.	N. Eng.	1821	29	Oct. 1836
H. M. Parmelee	N. Y.	Ohio.	Aug. 1842	8	Sept. 1850
W. L. Parsons	Vt.	N.Y. & O.	Aug. 1841	9	July 1848
Stephen Peet	Mass.	NE&NY	Feb. 1826	25	Oct. 1837
J. M. Phillips	N. Y.	N. Y.	Sept. 1846	5	April 1846
D. Pinkerton	N. H.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1845	6	Oct. 1844
Jer. Porter	Mass.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1831	19	June 1840
O. S. Powell	Vt.	N. Eng.	1835	15	Oct. 1850
J. B. Preston		NE&NY	1838	12	Sept. 1850
J. Reynard*	Eng.	Ill. & O.			July 1850
L. Robbins	Ct.	N. Eng.	1839	11	May 1850
L. Rogers	N. H.	N. J.	1832	18	June 1841
T. H. Rood	Eng.	En. & Am	Dec. 1848	2	Nov. 1850
C. E. Rosenkrans	N. J.	NE&NY	Feb. 1843	8	Oct. 1842
E. D. Seward	Ct.	N. Eng.	Oct. 1843	7	Sept. 1843
F. G. Sherrill	N. Y.	N. Y.	Oct. 1850		Nov. 1850
Wm. J. Smith	N. Y.	N. Y.	June 1844	6	Sept. 1848
R. R. Snow	Ct.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1845	6	Oct. 1840
W. H. Spencer	Ct.	N. Y.	Jan. 1846	5	Oct. 1850
L. C. Spofford	N. H.	N. Eng.	Feb. 1847	4	Sept. 1846
J. D. Stevens	N. Y.	N. Y.	1837	13	Dec. 1841
S. H. Thompson	O.	Ohio.	Aug. 1842	8	Oct. 1843
C. Warner	N. Y.	N. Y.	Aug. 1835	15	May 1843
J. W. Walcott*	N. H.	N. Eng.			Sept. 1850
M. Wells	N. Y.	N.Y.	Sept. 1845	5	Oct. 1843

\* Not ordained.



## PART III.

### HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES.

*Account of their organization—annual increase and number of members—Ministers—Houses of Worship, and situation.*

#### ALLEN'S GROVE.

Organized August 10, 1845, by Rev. Charles Hall, and Stephen Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	28	28	Added in 1848	0	8	8
Added in 1845	1	7	8	“ 1849	0	2	2
“ 1846	0	2	2	“ 1850	24	2	26
“ 1847	0	5	5				
Whole number received	-	-	-		25	54	79
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—70.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. H. Thompson, from July 1845 to April 1846, half the time. Rev. C. Waterbury, from July 1847 to July 1849, all the time. Rev. Benjamin Foltz, their present pastor, commenced his labors December 1849, and was installed November 14, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—A convenient house was

erected in 1847, for the purpose of public worship and school. It is 25 feet by 40, and will seat about 250 people.

*Situation.*—On the W. side of Walworth Co., fourteen miles N. of E. from Beloit, and eight miles W. from Delavan.—Settled in 1844 by four brothers of the name of Allen, from Rochester and Brooklyn, N. Y.

Population, of the village, 200—within three miles, 1500.

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### ALTO.

Organized January 14, 1849, by Rev. O. P. Clinton and D. Lamb.

	Profession.	Letter.	Total.
Original Members - - -	0	8	8
Added in 1849 - - -	0	2	2
" 1850 - - -	6	1	7
Whole number received -	6	11	17
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—17.			

*Minister.*—Rev. Dana Lamb. Commenced his labors in September 1848. Preaches here half the time.

*Situated.*—In the S. W. corner of Fond du Lac County, eight miles W. from Waupun, and twelve miles S. from Ceresco.

## APPLETON.

Organized November 18, 1850, by Rev. Jer. Porter, C. W. Munroe and H. Freeman.

Original members, on Prof. 1, by Letter, 7—Total, 8.  
Number of members, January 1, 1851—8.

*Minister.*—Rev. Chas. W. Munroe. Com-  
menced his labors November 1, 1850.

*Situated,*—On Fox River, about thirty miles  
from Green Bay, and nearly 40 N. from Fond  
du Lac.

## AZTALAN.

Organized October 1, 1840, by Rev. W. Arms.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	8	8	Added in 1846	0	4	4
Added in 1841	1	13	14	" 1847	1	3	4
" 1842	0	0	0	" 1848	0	3	3
" 1843	0	9	9	" 1849	0	2	2
" 1844	2	10	12	" 1850	0	0	0
" 1845	12	5	17				
Whole number received -	-	-	-		16	57	73
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—25.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. William Arms, from June  
1840 to September 1842. Rev. O. P. Clinton,  
from October 1843 to March 1846. Rev. E. D.  
Seward, from April 1846 to August 1847. Rev.  
O. W. Norton, from May 1848 to May 1849—  
each half the time.

*Place of Worship.*—This church embraced Milford and Lake Mills, and held their meetings in School-houses alternately at each place, until August 1847, when the church at Lake Mills was organized.

*Situation.*—Milford, where the church hold their meetings, is on the Crawfish river, ten miles N. W. from Jefferson, ten S. W. from Watertown and three from Lake Mills.

Population of the town 728.

### BARABOO.

Organized December 18, 1847, by Rev. W. Cochran.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total
Original members, - -	1	7	8
Added in 1848, - -	1	8	9
“ 1849, - -	3	4	7
“ 1850, - -	5	6	11
Whole number received, -	10	25	35
Number of members, January 1, 1851—34.			

*Minister.*—Rev. W. Cochran, their present minister, commenced his labors here November 1847.

*Place of Worship.*—The Court House.

*Situated,*—On the Baraboo river, and is the county seat of Sauk County—thirty-five miles N. W. from Madison and sixteen miles from Fort Winnebago.

## BEAVER DAM.

Organized January 1, 1843, by Rev. M. Ordway.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	8	8	Added in 1847	2	19	21
Added in 1843	0	1	1	“ 1848	2	23	25
“ 1844	0	0	0	“ 1849	12	4	16
“ 1845	0	14	14	“ 1850	9	0	9
“ 1846	6	18	24				
Whole number received,	-	-	-		31	87	118
Number of members, January 1, 1851—93.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. M. Ordway, from January 1843 to September 1845. Rev. A. Montgomery, from October 1845 to June 1850. Rev. W. A. Niles, the present minister, commenced his labors July 14, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—A small house was built in 1843, and occupied till 1847, when the present house was built. It is 26 by 36; will seat over 200. Cost \$800.

*Situation.*—In Dodge County, on the Beaver Dam River, thirty-five miles E. from Madison, twenty-five N. W. from Watertown, and thirty-five S. W. from Fond du Lac.

Population 1500.

BELOIT.—*Congregational.*

Organized December 30, 1838, by Rev. Wm. M. Adams.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	24	24	Added in 1845	2	29	31
Added in 1839	0	7	7	" 1846	15	37	52
" 1840	18	11	29	" 1847	6	18	24
" 1841	29	13	42	" 1848	6	24	30
" 1842	1	9	10	" 1849	44	45	89
" 1843	12	13	25	" 1850	6	10	16
" 1844	1	15	16				
Whole number received	-	-	-		140	255	395
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851,—207.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. Wm. M. Adams, from October 1837 to October 1840, half the time. Rev. Dexter Clary commenced his labors November 1, 1840, and was installed as pastor of the church February 18, 1844. Dismissed September 11, 1850. Rev. A. L. Chapin, President of Beloit College, is now preaching for the church as a temporary arrangement.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1843. Dedicated January 1844. It is 38 by 56, and a projection of ten feet with pillars in front. Contains 70 slips and will seat about 400. Has a basement, with two Lecture Rooms. Cost about \$4000. Bell weighs 840 lbs.

*Situation.*—On the Rock River, adjoining Illinois—fourteen miles S. from Janesville, seventy-five S. of W. from Milwaukee, and eighty-five N. of W. from Chicago. Population 2730.



BELOIT.—*Presbyterian.*

Organized March 21, 1849, by Rev. L. H. Loss.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	46	46
Added in 1849 - - -	6	13	19
“ 1850 - - -	5	30	35
Whole number received -	11	89	100
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—100.			

*Minister.*—Rev. Alfred Eddy, the present minister, commenced his labors in July 1849.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849. Finished in 1850. It is 46 by 70. Contains 72 slips, and will seat between 400 and 500 persons. Cost \$5000.

This church is not connected with any ecclesiastical body; but has a provision in the form of an arbitration or Council of three, whose decision is authoritative and final.

## BERLIN.

Organized June 1850, by Rev. C. Marsh.

Original members - - - - -	13
Added in 1850 - - - - -	10
Whole number received - - - - -	23
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—23.	

*Minister.*—Rev. J. B. Preston. Commenced his labors in September 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built December 1850—a shanty building with shingled roof, 24 by 42, ceiled inside and filled in with saw dust. Was put up in four weeks ready to be occupied, and makes a comfortable place of worship. Cost \$350.

*Situated,*—In Marquette County, on Fox river. Population of the village about 700.

### BEE TOWN.

Organized in May 1847, by Rev. S. Chaffee, and O. Littlefield.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members, - -	0	11	11
Added in 1847, - -	1	1	2
“ 1848, - -	2	5	7
“ 1849, - -			
“ 1850, - -			
Whole number received, -			
No returns for 1849 and 1850.			
Number of members, January 1, 1851—			

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Chaffee, about two years. Rev. O. Littlefield from February 1847 to 1849. Rev. C. W. Munroe, from October 1849 to October 1850.

*Situation.*—In Grant County, fourteen miles N. from Lancaster.



*Ministers.*—Rev. O. Littlefield, from February 1847 to February 1849. Rev. C. W. Munroe, from October 1849 to October 1850,—half the time each.

*Situated.*—In Grant County, twenty miles S. W. from Lancaster.

### BONNER BRANCH.

Organized November 1, 1849, by Rev. C. Warner.

Original members by letter, - - - - 14

No additions.

Number of members, Jan. 1, 1851—14.

*Minister.*—Rev. C. Warner of Elk Grove has charge of the church and preaches a portion of the time.

*Situated.*—Eight miles N. E. from Elk Grove and twelve S. W. from Mineral Point.

### BROOKFIELD.

Organized December 17, 1849, by Rev. L. Clapp and A. Clark.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	1	8	9
Added in 1849 - - -	3	2	5
“ 1850 - - -	1	1	2
Whole number received -	5	11	16
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—15.			

*Minister.*—Rev. A. Clark. Commenced his labors December 1848. Preaches to this church half the time.

*Place of Worship.*—A School-house.

*Situated,*—In Waukesha County, eleven miles W. from Milwaukee.

Population of the town 1939.

### BLOOMFIELD.

Organized May 6, 1846, by Rev. L. Hall, L. Rogers and H. H. Benson.

				Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	-	-	-	0	13	13
Added in	-	-	1846	0	3	3
"	-	-	1847	1	0	1
"	-	-	1846	0	0	0
"	-	-	1849	0	0	0
"	-	-	1850	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	-	-	1	16	17
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—14.						

*Minister.*—Rev. L. Rogers, from May 1, 1846 to May 1849.

*Situated,*—In the S. E. corner of Walworth County, eight miles from Geneva.

## BURLINGTON.

Organized February 18, by Rev. C. C. Cadwell and Stephen Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	17	17	Added in 1848	0	1	1
Added in 1844	3	7	10	“ 1849	0	0	0
“ 1845	1	1	2	“ 1850	1	0	1
“ 1846	0	11	11				
“ 1847	4	0	4	Whole num rec'd	9	37	46

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—18.

*Ministers.*—Rev. M. Wells, from October, 1843 to October 1845. Rev. W. Cochran, from November 1845 to November 1847. Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from November 1847 to November 1849—each half the time.

*Situated,*—In Racine Co, five miles S. of Rochester, and twenty-three west of Racine.

Population of the village 518.

A large portion of the church live in the town of Spring Prairie, about three miles W. from Burlington, and most of the meetings have been held for two years past in a school-house in that neighborhood. No minister at present.

## BYRON.

Organized September 1849, by Rev. C. Marsh.

Original members, on profes. 5, by letter 2, Total 7  
No admissions since.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851,—7.



*Minister.*—Rev. S. D. Darling. Commenced in May 1850, and preaches half the time.

*Situated.*—Eight miles S. from Fond du Lac. Population 700.

## BRISTOL.

Organized January 5, 1851, by Rev. T. Tenney.

Original members, on Prof. 1, by Letter, 11—Total, 12  
Present number of members, 12.

*Minister.*—Rev. T. Tenney, half the time.

*Situated.*—In Kenosha County, ten miles W. from Kenosha..

## CENTER.

Organized in February 1848, by Rev. B. C. Church.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	0	7	7
Added in 1848	0	9	9
“ 1849	4	0	4
“ 1850	2	7	9
Whole number received	6	23	29
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—24.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. B. C. Church, from May 1847 to May 1849. Rev. J. Jameson commenced September 1849—each half the time.

*Place of Worship.*—A School-house, which will contain from 75 to 100.

*Situated.*—In Rock County, seven miles W. from Janesville. Population of the town 625.

## CERESCO.

Organized November 21, 1850, by Rev. D. Clary and F. G. Sherrill.

Original members on profes. 2, by letter 9, total 11  
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—11.

*Minister.*—Rev. F. G. Sherrill. Commenced with the organization of the church.

*Place of Worship.*—Large School-house.

*Situated,*—In Fond du Lac County, twenty-five miles W. from Fond du Lac, and eighteen N. of Waupun. Population 500.

*Rem.*—This is the place where the “Wisconsin Phalanx,” a Fourier establishment, was in successful operation several years, but failed and was disbanded in 1849.

## CLYMAN.

Organized May 19, 1844, by Rev. J. A. Northrop and S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	6	6	Added in 1847	0	0	0
Added in 1844	0	4	4	“ 1848	0	0	0
“ 1845	2	0	2	“ 1849	0	5	5
“ 1846	0	0	0	“ 1850	0	1	1
Whole number received -	-	-	-		2	16	18

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—9.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. A. Northrop, from May 1844, half the time about three years, and occasionally since. In 1848, the church was much reduced by removals. It originally bore the name of Newmansville.

*Situated,*—In Dodge County, ten miles N. from Watertown.

## COLUMBUS.

Organized January 26, 1850, by Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans and A. Montgomery.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	11	11
Added in 1850 - - -	0	6	6
Whole number received -	0	17	17

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—16.

*Minister.*—Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans. Commenced his labors in October 1849. Preaches to this church half the time.

*Place of Worship.*—A large School-house, built for a Court House.

*Situated.*—In Columbia County, twelve miles S. W. from Beaver Dam, twenty N. E. from Madison, twenty-five N. W. from Lake Mills.

Population of village 300, of town 960.

## COTTAGE GROVE.

Organized June 18, 1846, by Rev. J. G. Kanouse and S. Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	11	11
Added in 1847 - - -	0	7	7
" 1848 - - -	17	17	34
" 1849 - - -	4	7	11
" 1850 - - -	2	5	7
Whole number received -	23	47	70

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—64.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. G. Kanouse. Commenced April 21, 1846. Preaches a portion of the time elsewhere.

*Place of Worship.*—A School-house.

*Situated,*—In Dane County, nine miles E. from Madison. Population 785.

### CALEDONIA.

Organized March 2, 1844, by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	8	8
Added in 1845 - - -	1	3	4
" 1846 - - -	1	0	1
" 1847 - - -	0	0	0
" 1848 - - -	0	0	0
" 1849 - - -	0	0	0
" 1850 - - -	0	2	2
Whole number received -	2	13	15

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—13.

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. Rood from January 1845 to January 1847. Rev. C. Nichols from January 1847—each half the time.

*Situated,*—In Racine County, eight miles N. W. from Racine. Population of the town 1098.

### DELAFIELD.

Organized January 28, 1849, by Rev. E. J. Montague, C. W. Camp and R. Morris.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - - -	0	12	12
Added in 1849 - - -	1	1	2
" 1850 - - - -	1	3	4
Whole number received -	2	16	18

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—18.

*Minister.*—Rev. Wm. J. Smith. Commenced his labors October 1, 1848.

*Place of meeting.*—A large School-house.

*Situated.*—In Waukesha County, ten miles from Waukesha, and twenty-five W. from Milwaukee. Population of village 200, of town 1134.

### DEHAVAN.

Organized August 1, 1841 by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	10	10	Added in 1846	0	13	13
Added in 1842	6	8	14	“ 1847	0	0	0
“ 1843	0	3	3	“ 1848	2	19	21
“ 1844	6	27	33	“ 1849	1	7	8
“ 1845	0	7	7	“ 1850	23	8	31
Whole number received - - - -				38 102 140			

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—88.

*Ministers.*—Rev. A. Gaston, from October 1841, to Oct. 1845, half the time. Rev. F. H. Pitkin, commenced October 1, 1845, died April 26, 1847. Rev. L. Foote, the present minister, commenced in October 1847.

*Place of Worship.*—Built in 1844. Finished with slips and pulpit in 1848. It is 32 by 46. Contains 46 slips and will seat 200. Cost about \$1000.

## DODGEVILLE.

Organized September 30 1847, by Rev. A. S. Allen.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	6	6
Added in 1847 - - -	2	1	3
" 1848 - - -	35	5	40
" 1849 - - -	5	3	8
" 1850 - - -	0	3	3
Whole numbr received - -	42	18	60

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—43.

*Minister.*—Rev. A. S. Allen. Commenced his labors September 2, 1846. Preaches a portion of the time in other places.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849 and 1850. It is 29 by 42, contains 40 slips, and cost \$800.

*Situated,*—In the County of Iowa, eight miles N. of Mineral Point, and 44 W. from Madison. Population of village 1000, of township 2100.

## DUNKIRK.

Organized Feb. 23, 1846, by Rev. A. Barlow.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	13	3	16
Added in 1847 - - -	3	2	5
" 1848 - - -	0	0	0
" 1849 - - -	0	0	0
" 1850 - - -	0	0	0
Whole number received -	16	5	21

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—12.

*Minister.*—Rev. A. Barlow, half the time from February 1846. Members removed and church reduced.



*Situated*,—In Dane County, eighteen miles S. E. from Madison, and eighteen N. W. from Janesville.

### EAST TROY.

Organized June 22, 1839, by Rev. L. Hall and S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	12	12	Added in 1845	4	3	7
Added in 1840	5	0	5	“ 1846	4	9	13
“ 1841	0	4	4	“ 1847	0	1	1
“ 1842	4	3	7	“ 1848	1	1	2
“ 1843	0	2	2	“ 1849	2	1	3
“ 1844	0	0	0	“ 1850	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	-	-		20	36	56
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—25.							

*Ministers*.—Rev. D. A. Sherman, from June 1, 1840 to June 1, 1841. Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans, from November 1843 to November 1849. Rev. A. Sedgwick, from November 1849 to April 1850. Rev. Charles Morgan, the present minister commenced July 1850.

*House of Worship*.—Built in 1848, 25 by 30 ; contains 33 slips and will seat about 150.

*Situated*,—In the N. E. corner of Walworth County, thirty-two miles S. W. from Milwaukee.

The church was organized and the meetings chiefly held for some time nearly two miles N. E. from the present village. In 1848 the church concentrated in the village and built a house of worship.

## ELK GROVE.

Organized November 1, 1846, by Rev. S. Peet and C. Warner.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	12	12
Added in 1847 - - -	2	10	12
“ 1848 - - -	11	1	12
“ 1849 - - -	11	1	12
“ 1850 - - -	10	2	12
Whole number received -	34	26	60
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—32.			

*Minister.*—Rev. Calvin Warner, the present pastor, commenced his labors November 1, 1846. Was installed November 3, 1847.

*House of Worship.*—The church was formed and meetings commenced in a block building formerly occupied as a tavern, which was fitted up and made comfortable. In the summer of 1848, a house was erected, 26 by 36, which will seat about 200 persons. Cost \$750.

The church was organized November 1, 1846. The pastor was installed November 3, 1847. The house was dedicated November 3, 1848, and each year twelve members, the same as originally constituted the church, have been added.

*Situated.*—In Lafayette County, seven miles S. E. from Platteville, twenty S. W. from Mineral Point and eighteen from Galena.

Population of the town, 614.

## ELKHORN.

Organized December 9, 1843, by Rev. A. Gaston.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	1	14	15	Added in 1847	0	3	3
Added in 1844	1	5	6	" 1848	0	5	5
" 1845	0	5	5	" 1849	1	4	5
" 1846	0	1	1	" 1850	4	8	12
Whole number received -	-	-	-		7	45	52
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—45.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. A. Gaston, from October 1843 to October 1844. Rev. D. Pinkerton, from Oct. 1844, to Oct. 1846—half the time each. Rev. S. E. Miner, the present minister, commenced December 19, 1846. Preaches a portion of time at Sugar Creek.

*Place of Worship.*—The Court House—seats 200.

*Situation.*—County seat of Walworth County, at the geographical centre—one mile square taken from each of four towns; forty-three miles W. from Racine. Population 536.

## EXETER.

Organized June 1849, by Rev. B. C. Church.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	4	4
Added in 1850 - - -	2	6	8
Whole number received - -	2	10	12
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—9.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. W. Mathews, from June to December 1849. Rev. B. C. Church, from December 1849 to December 1850,—half the time each.

*Situated,*—In Green County, sixteen miles N. from Munroe, and thirty W. from Janesville. Population of village about 200.

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### EMERALD GROVE.

Organized December 5, 1846, by Rev. H. Foote and E. Child.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	14	14
Added in 1847 - - -	0	3	3
“ 1848 - - -	0	2	2
“ 1849 - - -	7	2	9
“ 1850 - - -	2	1	3
Whole number received -	9	22	31

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Ministers.*—Rev. H. Foote, from November 1, 1846 to November 1, 1848. Rev. S. H. Thompson, from December 1848 to June 1849. Rev. B. Foltz, from November 1849 to November 1850—half the time each. Rev. O. F. Curtis commenced his labors November 1, 1850, and is to be installed as pastor in May.

*Place of Worship.*—A large stone school-house.

*Situated,*—In the town of Bradford, Rock Co., seven miles E. from Janesville.

## EVANSVILLE.

Organized May 2, 1846, by Rev. Stephen Peet and B. C. Church.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	1	10	11
Added in 1847 - - -	0	4	4
" 1848 - - -	0	1	1
" 1849 - - -	4	3	7
" 1850 - - -	2	3	5
Whole number received -	7	21	28

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—26.

*Minister.*—Rev. B. C. Church commenced his labors May 1, 1847. Preaches half the time elsewhere.

*Place of meeting.*—A block school-house which will seat about 75 persons.

*Situated.*—In the N. W. corner of Rock County, sixteen miles N. of W. from Janesville, in the town of Union. The church was formerly called Union.

## FAIRFIELD.

Organized July 7, 1849, by Rev. C. Marsh, and M. Ordway.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	12	12
Added in 1849 - - -	0	2	2
" 1850 - - -	2	10	12
Whole number received -	2	24	26

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—23.

*Ministers.*—Rev. J. C. Hurd, from July 1849 to January 1850. Rev. M. Ordway, from January to July 1850. Rev. H. M. Parmelee commenced his labors September 1850.

*Situation.*—The church was organized at Dodge Centre. The principal place of meeting, however, is at Oak Grove, in the town of Fairfield, sixteen miles N. from Watertown. Population of the town 1200.

### FAIR PLAY.

Organized July 8, 1842, by Rev. A. Kent and S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	12	12	Added in 1846	0	1	1
Added in 1842	0	5	5	" 1847	0	1	1
" 1843	7	2	9	" 1848	4	7	11
" 1844	3	0	3	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1845	0	0	0	" 1850	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	-	-		14	28	42
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—19.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. A. M. Dixon, from July 1842 to July 1843. Rev. J. Lewis, from November 1843 to November 1844. Rev. E. Page, from December 1844 to June 1845. Rev. J. M. Philips, from May 1846 to May 1848. Rev. S. Chaffee, from May 1849 to May 1850, half the time each. Rev. L. Robbins commenced his labors August 5, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1842, 34 by 36 ; contains 28 slips, and will seat 200. Cost \$800.



*Situated*,—In Grant County, twelve miles N. W. from Galena, one mile N. from Sinsinawa Mound, and five miles E. of the Mississippi river.

*Rem.*—The first settlement began in July 1841, and in less than a year, a house of worship was finished and dedicated and the church organized. Mining operations drew a multitude to the place; it has since declined.

### FOND DU LAC.

Organized July 20, 1845, by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	9	9
Added in 1846 - - -	0	10	10
“ 1847 - - -	0	5	5
“ 1848 - - -	2	9	11
“ 1849 - - -	3	11	14
“ 1850 - - -	1	13	14
Whole number received - -	6	57	63
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—57.			

*Minister.*—Rev. L. C. Spofford. Commenced September 27, 1846.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849, 30 by 40, and contains 36 slips. Cost \$900.

*Situated*,—At the head of Lake Winnebago, the County seat of Fond-du Lac County. Sixty miles S. from Green Bay, forty W. from Sheboygan and thirty-five from Beaver Dam.

*Rem.*—In 1839, when the writer passed through this place, there was one house. The next on his route, was a solitary log house eighteen miles distant, where is now the village of Waupun.

## FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE.

Organized in July 1847, by Rev. M. Ordway.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	3	8	11
Added in 1847 - - -	0	2	2
" 1848 - - -	0	3	3
" 1849 - - -	0	0	0
" 1850 - - -	1	0	1
Whole number received -	4	13	17
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—17.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. M. Ordway, from April 1847 to October 1848, half the time. Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans, of Columbus, preaches here half the time. Commenced in October 1849.

*Situated,*—In Columbia County, four miles N. W. from Columbus.

## FRANKLIN.

Organized in July 1845, by Rev. N. Cooke.

Original members by Letter - - -	10
Added in 1846 by Letter 3, in 1847, 2 - -	5
Whole number received - - -	15

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—8.

*Minister.*—Rev. A. D. Laughlin, half the time from October 1846 to October 1847. The church has had no preaching for four years past. The place has declined and the members are scattered.

*Situated,*—In Iowa County, 20 miles N. W. from Mineral Point.

## FORT ATKINSON.

Organized Oct. 3, 1841, by Rev. Wm. Arms.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	14	14	Added in 1846	0	1	1
Added in 1841	0	4	4	" 1847	0	2	2
" 1842	0	5	5	" 1848	0	3	3
" 1843	0	0	0	" 1849	2	0	2
" 1844	0	2	2	" 1850	1	1	2
" 1845	7	13	20				

Whole number received - - - 10 45 55

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—48.

*Ministers.*—Rev. Wm. Arms, from June 1840 to September 1842. Rev. O. P. Clinton, from October 1843 to October 1844, half the time each. Rev. M. Montague, the present minister, commenced November 1, 1844.

*Place of Worship.*—A large school-house which will seat from 100 to 130. House of Worship built in 1850, 37 by 47; not finished.

*Situated,*—On Rock river, in Jefferson County, fifty miles W. from Milwaukee, thirty E. from Madison and five S. from Jefferson.

## GENESEE.

Organized May 7, 1842, by Rev. S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	17	17	Added in 1846	3	0	3
Added in 1843	0	0	0	" 1847	0	0	0
" 1844	4	6	10	" 1848	8	6	14
" 1845	0	0	0	" 1849	5	15	20
				" 1850	1	0	1

Whole number received - - - 21 44 65

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—51.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Warner, from July 1843 to January 1845. Rev. E. D. Seward, from May 1845 to May 1846, each half the time. Rev. C. W. Camp, the present minister, commenced his labors November 21, 1847.

*House of Worship.*—Erected in 1850, 37 by 45; not finished. Calculated to seat about 200, and will cost \$1200,

*Situated,*—In Waukesha County, twenty-five miles from Milwaukee.

*Rem.*—The church was organized at a private house near North Prairie, and bore that name for a time. Its present location is at the village, on White Creek, seven miles S. W. from Waukesha.

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### GRANVILLE.

Organized April 1, 1843, by Rev. L. Bridgeman.

Original members on Prof. 17, by Letter 5	-	-	22
Added in 1844 and 1845 on Prof. 5, by Letter 3			8
Whole number received	-	-	30
Number of members Jan. 1 1851—15.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. Bridgeman, half the time for a year from October 1842. Rev. W. B. Ransom, from November 1843 to November 1844. Rev. A. Clark, a portion of the time for the past two years.

*Situated,*—In Milwaukee County, ten miles N. W. from Milwaukee.

*Rem.* The members are scattered and the church much reduced. The German population occupy a large part of the town.

## GENEVA.

Organized April 5, 1839, by Rev. Lemuel Hall.

	Pro. Let. Tot.				Pro. Let. Tot.		
Original memb'rs	0	13	13	Added in 1845	5	12	17
Added in 1839	0	5	5	" 1846	4	4	8
" 1840	0	6	6	" 1847		6	6
" 1841	3	16	19	" 1848		2	2
" 1842	10	6	16	" 1849	7	1	8
" 1843	3	6	9	" 1850	0	3	3
" 1844	3	7	10				
Whole number received	-	-	-		35	87	122

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851,—76.

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. Hall, from September 1838, to September 1840, half the time. Rev. L. Rogers, from June 1841 to June 1843. Rev. C. R. French, from October 1843 to October 1844. Rev. H. H. Benson, the present pastor, commenced his labors in October 1844. Installed November 5, 1845.

*House of Worship.*—A small house was built in 1841, 26: by 36: which would seat about 150. Cost \$500.

A new house was erected in 1850, to be completed the coming season. It is 40 by 60. Contains 60 slips, will seat 400, and will cost \$2,500.

*Situated.*—In Walworth County, at the outlet of Geneva Lake, thirty-five miles W. from Kenosha. Population of the village 560.

*Rem.*—Some illustrious temperance battles were fought in this place at an early period between temperance men and the distillers and rumsellers, the former refusing to grind grain for the nefarious purpose.

## GREEN BAY.

Organized January 9, 1836, by Rev. Cutting Marsh.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	1	11	12	Added in 1843	0	1	1
Added in 1836	0	23	23	" 1844	0	2	2
" 1837	5	32	37	" 1845	2	2	4
" 1838	5	1	6	" 1846	1	2	3
" 1839	14	7	21	" 1847	3	6	9
" 1840	2	2	4	" 1848	1	2	3
" 1841	23	5	28	" 1849	0	19	19
" 1842	28	0	28	" 1850	0	10	10
Whole number received - - - -					85	125	210

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—84.

*Ministers.*—Rev. M. Ordway, from October 1836, six months. Rev. Stephen Peet, from October 1837, to October 1839. Rev. Jer. Porter, the present pastor, commenced his labors June 15, 1840. Was installed January 4, 1841.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1838: 40 by 60: contains 50 slips, and will seat 300. Cost \$3000. This was the first church edifice built in Wisconsin. The bell, which cost \$300, was a donation from J. J. Astor, who also gave \$500 towards the building.

*Situated.*—At the mouth of Fox river, where it enters Green Bay two hundred miles S. W. from Mackinac, and sixty N. from Fond du Lac.

*Rem.*—This place was settled by French Jesuits and fur traders in 1660. The American settlement commenced about 1830.



## HARTFORD.

Organized December 1847, by Rev. N. Miller.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members, - -	0	10	10
Added in 1848, - -	0	0	0
“ 1849, - -	2	2	4
“ 1850, - -	0	0	0
Whole number received, -	2	12	14

Number of members, January 1, 1851—12.

*Minister.*—Rev. N. Miller, from March 1846 to November 1849.

*Situated.*—In Washington County, thirty-five miles N. W. from Milwaukee. Population about 1200.

## HAZEL GREEN.

Organized September 8, 1845, by Rev. J. C. Holbrook and J. Lewis.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - -	0	11	11
Added in - - - 1846	2	5	7
“ - - - 1847	0	7	7
“ - - - 1848	2	9	11
“ - - - 1849	19	9	28
“ - - - 1850	1	5	6
Whole number received - -	24	46	70

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—50.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. M. Phillips, the present pastor, commenced his labors in May 1846. Was installed November 18, 1847.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1848. It is 36 by 46: contains 60 slips, and will seat about 300: steeple and bell: cost \$1600.

*Situated,*—In Grant County, nine miles N. from Galena and fifteen S. from Platteville. Population 1200.

### JANESVILLE.

Organized February 11, 1845, by Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	15	15	Added in 1848	5	20	25
Added in 1845	0	14	14	“ 1849	4	24	28
“ 1846	2	2	4	“ 1850	5	19	24
“ 1847	0	8	8				
Whole number received -	-	-	-		16	102	118

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—100.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley, from August 1844 to August 1846. Rev. H. Foote, the present pastor commenced November 1846. Was installed November 1848.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849 and '50. It is 40 by 50, and designed to be extended 25 feet in length. Has 60 slips, and will seat over 300. Cost \$3000.

*Situated,*—On the Rock river: County seat of Rock County, sixty-five miles W. from Milwaukee and Racine, forty-two S. E. from Madison, and fourteen N. from Beloit. Population 3205.

## JEFFERSON.

Organized December 10, 1850. by the Rev. D. Clary.

Original members, by Letter, - - - - 9

Number of members, January 1, 1851—9.

*Ministers.*—Rev. M. Montague, of Ft. Atkinson, preached here half the time two years, and Rev. O. W. Norton about the same length of time.

*Place of Worship.*—The Court House.

*Situation.*—County seat of Jefferson Co., fifty miles W. from Milwaukee.

## JOHNSTOWN.

Organized July 6, 1845, by Rev. S. Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	15	15
Added in 1846 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1847 - - -	1	9	10
“ 1848 - - -	0	5	5
“ 1849 - - -	1	2	3
“ 1850 - - -	5	7	12
Whole number received -	7	39	46
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—31.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. Smith, about six months. Rev. S. H. Thompson, commenced October 1, 1846. Preaches half the time.

*House of Worship.*—Erected in 1849, finished in 1850: 32 by 48: contains 44 slips and will seat 300. Cost \$1600.

*Situated.*—On the north side of Rock Prairie, twelve miles E. from Janesville, sixty-five S. of W. from Milwaukee. Population of village 200.

## KENOSHA.

Organized June 25, 1838, by Rev. Gilbert Crawford.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	18	18	Added in 1845	1	7	8
Added in 1840	28	19	47	" 1846	4	17	21
" 1841	3	6	9	" 1847	19	17	36
" 1842	2	11	13	" 1848	3	5	8
" 1843	6	25	31	" 1849	15	11	26
" 1844	0	6	6	" 1850	7	16	23
Whole number received - - - -					88	158	246

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—170.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from July 1838 to July 1839. Rev. J. U. Parsons, from May to October 1840. Rev. M. P. Kinney, from February 1841 to September 1842. Rev. O. P. Clinton, from December 1842 to August 1843. Rev. E. D. Seward, from September 1843, to April 1845. Rev. I. A. Hart, from May 1845 to May 1847. Rev. J. Gridley, the present pastor, commenced his labors in August 1847. Was installed October 26, 1847.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1844. It is 40 by 60, contains 60 slips and will seat about 400. Cost \$4200. Weight of bell 1160, cost \$400.

*Situated.*—On the west shore of Lake Michigan, thirty-five miles S. from Milwaukee, sixty N. from Chicago. Population of the city 3500.

*Rem.*—The place bore the name of Southport until April 1850, when it was incorporated as a city under its present name, and became the county seat of Kenosha Co.

## KOSHKONONG.

Organized July 18, 1846, by Rev. M. Montague, S. Peet and M. P. Kinney.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members, - -	2	11	13
Added in 1847, - -	0	2	2
“ 1848, - -	0	0	0
“ 1849, - -	0	0	0
“ 1850, - -	0	5	5
Whole number received, -	2	18	20
Number of members, January 1, 1851—17			

*Minister.*—Rev. M. Montague preached half the time from November 1846 to 1850.

*Place of Worship.*—A large brick School-house.

*Situated.*—Four miles S. from Ft. Atkinson, seven N. W. from Whitewater.

*Rem.*—When the church was organized, preaching was had and the communion administered on the Sabbath in a new barn, belonging to Deacon Horton.

## LAMARTINE.

Organized March 5, 1850, by Rev. L. Bridgeman.

Original members on Profession 2, by letter 8	10
Number of members, Jan. 1, 1851—10.	

*Situated.*—In Fond du Lac County, ten miles S. W. from Fond du Lac.

## LAKE MILLS.

Organized August 15, 1847, by Rev. E. D. Seward.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	9	9
Added in 1847 - - -	0	4	4
" 1848 - - -	1	10	11
" 1849 - - -	1	11	12
" 1850 - - -	0	5	5
Whole number received -	2	39	41
Number of members, Jan. 1, 1851—36.			

*Minister.*—Rev. E. D. Seward from April 1846 ; half the time two years at Milford.

*Place of Worship.*—A large brick School-house.

*Situated.*—In Jefferson Co., fifty-three miles W. from Milwaukee, twenty-six E. from Madison. Population of the village 200 ; town 840.

## LANCASTER.

Organized May 21, 1843, by Rev. J. D. Stevens.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	7	7	Added in 1848	0	5	5
Added in 1844	0	1	1	" 1849	17	6	23
" 1845	0	3	3	" 1850	3	3	6
" 1846	2	3	5				
" 1847	0	4	4	Whole num rec'd	22	32	54

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—46.

*Ministers.*—Rev. Robt. Carver, from December 1844 to May 1845. Rev. O. Littlefield, from



August 1845 to December 1846, half the time each. Rev. S. W. Eaton, the present minister, commenced his labors January 1, 1847.

*Place of Worship.*—The Court House.

*Situated,*—At the centre of Grant County. County seat: sixteen miles N. W. from Platteville.

### LISBON.

Organized August 4, 1842, by Rev. S. Peet and S. Baker.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	18	18	Added in 1846	0	4	4
Added in 1842	4	1	5	“ 1847	0	2	2
“ 1843	10	4	14	“ 1848	7	2	9
“ 1844	0	0	0	“ 1849	5	0	5
“ 1845	0	15	15	“ 1850	0	0	0

Whole number received, - - - 26 46 72

Number of members, January 1, 1851—35.

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Baker, from July 1841 to July 1843. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from October 1843 to October 1844. Rev. A. Lilley, from October 1844, to October 1846, half the time each. Rev. S. A. McEwin commenced October 1849.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1850; 30 by 40; contains 40 slips and will seat about 200. Cost \$700.

*Situated,*—In Waukesha Co., eighteen miles W. from Milwaukee, and eight miles N. from Waukesha. Population 1036.

## LISBON.—2d Church.

Organized June 10, 1848, by Rev. N. Miller.

Original members by Letter	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Since added	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
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Whole number received	-	-	-	-	-	-	14

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—14.

*Minister.*—Rev. S. A. McEwin, half the time.

*Situated,*—In the N. W. corner of Lisbon.

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 LOWELL.

Organized August 1 1845, by Rev. J. A Northrop.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	7	7	Added in 1848	0	0	0
Added in 1845	0	2	2	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1846	0	9	9	" 1850	0	0	0
" 1847	2	1	3				
Whole number received				-	-	-	2 19 21

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—12.

*Ministers.*—Rev. J. A. Northrop, from July 1845 to April 1847. Rev. J. C. Hurd preached a short time.

*Situated,*—In Dodge County, on the Beaver Dam river, ten miles S. from Beaver Dam, fourteen miles N. W. from Watertown.

*Rem.* This church was first organized under the name of "Grove Prairie," and had its place of meeting nearly three miles N. W. from Lowell. In 1848, it changed its name and removed its center to the village. No regular preaching for four years past.

## MADISON.

Organized June 1840, by Rev. E. Slingerland.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	9	9	Added in 1846	1	0	1
Added in 1841	0	2	2	" 1847	0	2	2
" 1842	0	4	4	" 1848	0	8	8
" 1843	0	0	0	" 1849	2	5	7
" 1844	3	9	12	" 1850	0	6	6
" 1845	1	0	1				
Whole number received	-	-	-		7	45	52

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—40.

*Ministers.*—Rev. E. Slingerland, from June 1840 to June 1841. Rev. J. M. Clarke, from July 1841 to July 1843. Rev. S. E. Miner, from October 1843, to October 1846. Rev. Chas. Lord, the present minister, commenced his labors October 20, 1846.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1846. It is 32 by 40, contains 42 slips and will seat about 250 persons. Cost \$1800; bell 750 lbs.

*Situation.*—The capital of the State, and County seat of Dane County, eighty miles W. from Milwaukee, fifty E. from Mineral Point, fifty N. from Beloit, and sixty S. W. from Fond du Lac. Population 1525.

*Rem.*—This church was organized as a Dutch Reformed church, with the understanding that the form and connection might be changed when a majority of the members desired. At the end of one year, the church became Congregational, and connected with the Convention.

## MARQUETTE CO.

Organized August 1847, by Rev. A. Montgomery and J. H. Kasson.

	Profession.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	7	7
Added in 1848 - - -	1	6	7
" 1849 - - -	0	3	3
" 1850 - - -	1	7	8
Whole number received -	2	23	25

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—20.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. H. Kasson, the present minister, has preached to this church and in the region since October 1, 1846.

*Situation.*—The present center, or place of meetings is at Grandville, a small village in the town of Mackford, on Grand river, eight miles from Green Lake, thirty E. from Fort Winnebago, and twenty-five W. from Fond du Lac. Population of the town about 500.

## MENASHA.

Organized February 16, 1851, by Rev. O. P. Clinton and J. W. Walcott.

Original members, on Profes. 1, by Letter 24, 25  
Present number of members, 25.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. W. Walcott. Commenced November 1850.

*Situated,*—In Winnebago County, at the outlet of Lake Winnebago, thirty miles N. from Fond du Lac. Population of the village 600.

## MILTON.

Organized August 16, 1838, by Rev. Wm. M. Adams.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	9	9	Added in 1845	0	4	4
Added in 1839	0	10	10	" 1846	0	0	0
" 1840	1	7	8	" 1847	0	4	4
" 1841	1	13	14	" 1848	0	0	0
" 1842	7	12	19	" 1849	2	0	2
" 1843	0	1	1	" 1850	2	2	4
" 1844	0	0	0				
Whole number received	-	-	-		13	62	75

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—37.

*Ministers.*—Rev D. Smith, from October 1839 to October 1841. Rev. R. R. Snow, from October 1841 to October 1842. Rev. W. W. Thayer, from November 1842 to July 1843. Rev. E. W. Hewitt, from Nov. 1843 to May 1845. Rev. H. Foote, from November 1845 to November 1846. Rev. S. S. Bicknell, the present minister, commenced his labors December 1846.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1842; 20 by 30, and will seat 150. Cost \$500. It was originally located a mile S. E. of the present situation, to accomodate a portion of the church residing on Rock Prairie. After the church at Mt. Zion was organized, the house was removed.

*Situation.*—In Rock County, eight miles N. from Janesville, and thirteen S. from Fort Atkinson.

This church formerly bore the name of Prairie du Lac. The Seventh-day Baptists have a large settlement and church in this place.

MILWAUKEE.—*Presbyterian.*

Organized April 13, 1837, by Rev. C. Marsh and M. Ordway.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	13	13	Added in 1844	2	28	30
Added in 1837	0	34	34	" 1845	13	14	27
" 1838	1	13	14	" 1846	3	43	46
" 1839	0	0	0	" 1847	7	22	29
" 1840	5	29	34	" 1848	6	25	31
" 1841	8	18	26	" 1849	12	13	25
" 1842	2	9	11	" 1850	4	24	28
" 1843	3	22	25				
Whole number received - - - -					66	307	373

Number of members January 1, 1851—175.

*Ministers.*—Rev. G. Crawford, from July 1837 to July 1839. Rev. S. Peet, from Oct. 1, 1839 to June 1, 1841. Rev. C. L. Watson, from June 1841 to June 1842. Rev. A. L. Chapin, from May 1, 1843 to Feb. 1, 1850. Rev. Wm. H. Spencer, the present minister, commenced his labors Oct. 1850.

Mr. Chapin was ordained and installed as pastor Jan. 24, 1844, and was dismissed Dec. 19, 1849.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1841: finished in 1843: enlarged in 1847: originally 42 by 60: present size 42 by 80: contains 92 slips and will seat between 500 and 600. Bell 1000 lbs. The basement contains a lecture room, 33 by 42, and a school room, 20 by 42. Cost: originally \$4700: addition \$1000: bell \$300: total \$6000.

*Rem.*—A temporary house of worship was erected in 1837 on the west side of the river and occupied until Aug. 1840, when a hall, in a block of buildings at the west end of Spring Street bridge, was secured and occupied one year.



MILWAUKEE.—*Plymouth Church.*

Organized May 20, 1841, by a Council, consisting of Rev. D. A. Sherman, O. F. Curtis, and J. U. Parsons.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	3	21	24	Added in 1846	7	13	20
Added in 1841	5	7	12	" 1847	3	12	15
" 1842	27	13	40	" 1848	5	15	20
" 1843	79	37	116	" 1849	6	18	24
" 1844	20	10	30	" 1850	3	14	17
" 1845	5	10	15				
Whole number received	-	-	-		163	170	333

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—175.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. J. Miter. Commenced his labors November 1, 1841, and was installed January 4, 1844.

*House of Worship.*—The church held their meetings two years in a hall over a store on the corner of Spring and West Water Streets. In 1843 they built a House of Worship on the west side of the river, which they occupied seven years. It was 43 by 70, contained 83 slips and cost \$7500.

Their present House, situated on the east side of the river, was built in 1850. It is of brick: 56 by 100: contains 152 slips and will seat between 800 and 900. The basement contains a lecture room, 54 by 56, and a room for prayer meetings, &c., 30 by 40. Cost.—House and lot, \$12,500. Organ \$1,500. Bell \$500. Total \$14,500.

This church was formerly designated as the "First Congregational Church," of Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE.—*Free Congregational.*

Organized February 4, 1847, by Rev. O. F. Curtis.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - -		22	22
Added in 1847 - - -	3	13	16
“ 1848 - - -	0	7	7
“ 1849 - - -	7	9	16
“ 1850 - - -	0	0	0
Whole number received -	10	51	61
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—52			

*Ministers.*—Rev. O. F. Curtis, from February 1847 to June 1848. Rev. W. L. Parsons, from July 1848 to June 1850. Rev. G. W. Bassett, the present minister, commenced his labors in November 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1848. It is 43 by 60, with a basement: contains 66 slips, and will seat between 400 and 500. Cost \$3000.

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*Rem.*—Milwaukee in twelve years has grown from a village of a few hundred inhabitants to a city of 21,000. In 1839 there were 3 small churches of different denominations, with no good house of worship. At the present time there are 24 church organizations and 21 church edifices, some of which are large and splendid buildings. At that period all the Presbyterian and Congregational members living in the place did not exceed 30; now there are four churches of these denominations, each with a house of worship and minister.

## MINERAL POINT.

Organized June 1839, by Rev. J. E. Quaw.

Original members - - - - -	11
Added since, on Profession 54, by Letter 35	89
Whole number received - - - - -	100
Number of members January 1, 1851—75.	

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Chaffee, from July 1840, half the time one year. Rev. Wm. M. Adams, commenced September 1841, and died March 12, 1842. Rev. N. Cooke, from November 1842 to April 1844. Rev. Z. Eddy commenced in Nov. 1844. Was installed February 13, 1845,—dismissed July 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1844. It is 44 by 50, contains 56 slips, and will seat about 350. Cost \$3000. Bell.

*Situation.*—County seat of Iowa County, fifty-two miles W. from Madison, and forty N. E. from Galena.

## MONROE.

Organized May 5, 1850, by Rev. J. D. Stevens.

Original members on Prof. 2, by Letter 16 - - -	18
Added in 1850, by Letter 2 - - - - -	2
Whole number received - - - - -	20
Number of members Jan. 1 1851—18.	

*Minister.*—Rev. J. D. Stevens. Commenced his labors January 1, 1851.

*Place of Worship.*—The Seminary Building.

*Situation.*—County seat of Green County, thirty-five miles W. from Janesville and Beloit.

Population of the village about 1200.

## MOUNT ZION.

Organized December 10, 1842, by Rev. S. Peet and W. W. Thayer.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	16	16	Added in 1847	2	2	4
Added in 1843	1	3	4	" 1848	5	0	5
" 1844	0	0	0	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1845	1	7	8	" 1850	2	3	5
" 1846	2	7	9				
Whole number received	-	-	-		13	38	51

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—28.

*Ministers.*—Rev. I. E. Heaton, from January 1, 1843 to June 1844. Rev. C. H. A. Bulkley, from August 1844 to August 1845. Rev. H. Foote, from November 1, 1845 to November 1, 1846. Rev. E. Child, from March 1 to December 1848. Rev. S. S. Bicknell, from December 1848 to May 1849—half the time each. Rev. S. H. Thompson of Johnstown, commenced January 1, 1849, and still preaches here half the time.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1843, finished in 1844—26 by 36: contains 3 slips: will seat about 160. Cost \$600.

*Situated.*—In Rock County, six miles E. from Janesville, on the Milwaukee road, in the town of Harmony.

*Rem.*—This church was a colony from the church at Milton, with which the members had been connected, some of them from the earliest settlement of the country.

## NEENAH.

Organized April 4, 1846, by Rev. O. P. Clinton.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	12	12
Added in 1847 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1848 - - -	1	8	9
“ 1849 - - -	0	4	4
“ 1850 - - -	1	5	6
Whole number received -	2	30	32

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Ministers.*—Rev. O. P. Clinton, from Jan. 1847 to December 1850. Rev. Chas. L. Adams commenced January 1, 1851.

*Situated,*—In Winnebago County at the outlet of Winnebago Lake, thirty miles N. from Fond du Lac, and thirty-five S. W. from Green Bay. Population of the village 500—of the town, including the village of Menasha, 1500.

## NEWARK.

Organized May 11, 1845, by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	9	9
Added in 1846 - - -	0	0	0
“ 1847 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1848 - - -	5	6	11
“ 1849 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1850 - - -	1	6	7
Whole number received - -	6	23	29

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Ministers.*—Rev. Stephen Peet, from March 1, 1848 to March 1849. Rev. H. Taylor commenced in September 1849, and preaches half the time.

*Place of Worship.*—A large School-house.

*Situated,*—In Rock County, seven miles W. from Beloit.

### NEW DIGGINGS.

Organized April 12, 1844, by Rev. J. Lewis and J. C. Holbrook.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	3	11	14	Added in 1847	3	0	3
Added in 1844	4	1	5	" 1848	4	0	4
" 1845	6	5	11	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1846	6	2	8	" 1850	0	0	0
Whole number received -	-	-	-		26	19	45
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—21.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. J. Lewis, from November 1843 to September 1847. Rev. S. D. Pitkin, from September 1847 to October 1848. Rev. H. Freeman, from December 1848 to June 1849. Vacant at the present time.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1844: is 24 by 36: contains 30 slips. Cost about \$500.

*Situated,*—In the S. W. corner of Lafayette Co., twelve miles N. E. from Galena. Population 1750.

*Rem.*—In the spring of 1844 a protracted meeting was held in a bowling alley, the only convenient place that could be had. At the close of the meeting the church was organized in the same building.



## NORTH ROCHESTER.

Organized September 9, 1840, by Rev. O. F. Curtis and S. Hubbard.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	2	9	11	Added in 1846	0	2	2
Added in 1841	0	1	1	" 1847	0	0	0
" 1842	5	4	9	" 1848	0	3	3
" 1843	0	6	6	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1844	2	10	12	" 1850	3	3	6
" 1845	0	0	0				
Whole number received	-	-	-		12	38	50

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—40.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from July 1, 1841 to July 1, 1842. Rev. S. Chaffee, from November 1843 to November 1844. Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans, from November 1844 to November 1845. Rev. M. Wells, from November 1845 to November 1847—half the time each. Rev. C. C. Cadwell, the present minister, returned from Illinois, where he had spent four years, and commenced preaching to this church November 1847.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849. It is 30 by 43: contains 42 slips, and will seat 200, or 250. Cost \$1000.

*Situated,*—In the N. W. corner of Racine County, twenty-three miles S. W. from Milwaukee. The congregation reside partly in Vernon and Mequanago, Waukesha Co. The church formerly bore the name of Caldwell's Prairie.

## OAK CREEK.

Organized May 1846, by Rev. C. Nichols.

Original members, by Letter, - - - - 10

No additions or changes.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Nichols preached a portion of the time for a year after the organization, and Rev. A. Clark occasionally during 1849. The church will probably be disbanded.

## OCONOMEWOC.

Organized August 3, 1845, by Rev. Stephen Peet.

				Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	-	-		0	23	23
Added in 1845	-	-		0	6	6
“ 1846	-	-		0	0	0
“ 1847	-	-		0	2	2
“ 1848	-	-		0	2	2
“ 1849	-	-		0	0	0
“ 1850	-	-		0	0	0
Whole number received	-			0	33	33

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—25.

*Ministers.*—Rev. J. P. Foster, from November 1843 to February 1845. Rev. N. Goodhue, from May 1845 nearly two years. Rev. W. C. Fiske, from October 1, 1847 to October 1848. No preaching for two years past.

*Situated,*—In Waukesha County, thirty miles W. from Milwaukee, three miles N. from Summit. Population 1223.

*Rem.*—The members of the church in this place were for two years united with the church at Summit, under an organization that bore the name of both places. The present organization was effected by a mutual division of said church.

### OHIO SETTLEMENT.

Organized August 1, 1847, by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members -	0	10	10
Added in 1848 - -	0	0	0
“ 1849 - -	0	4	4
“ 1850 - -	0	2	2
Whole number received -	0	16	16

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—12.

*Minister.*—None.

*Situated.*—In Dane Co., fifteen miles N. W. from Madison, and eight miles S. E. from Prairie du Sac. Population about 300.

*Note.*—Rev. E. Blatchley preached half the time to this church until Sept 1849, when an O. S. Presbyterian church was organized, and he became its pastor. Since that time this church has had no regular preaching.

### OAKFIELD.

Organized May 10, 1848, by a Council—Rev. E. G. Bradford, D. Lamb and L. C. Spofford.

Original members by Letter	-	-	-	-	14
Added in 1848 by Letter	-	-	-	-	1
Whole number received	-	-	-	-	15

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—15.

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. C. Spofford a portion of the time during 1848, and 1849. Rev. S. D. Darling commenced his labors in May 1850 : preaches half the time.

*Situated,*—In Fond du Lac County, nine miles S. W. from Fond du Lac. Population 700.

### OSHKOSH.

Organized July 11, 1849, by Rev. C. Marsh and H. Freeman.

Original members by Letter	-	-	-	-	12
Added in 1850 by letter	-	-	-	-	19
Whole number received	-	-	-	-	31

Number members Jan. 1, 1851—31.

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. Bridgeman preached in this place one year from August 1847 to August 1848. Rev. H. Freeman, the present minister, commenced July 1849.

*A House of Worship* is in progress : 25 by 30 : is to contain 40 slips, and will cost about \$600.

*Situated,*—In Winnebago County, at the junction of the Fox river with Lake Winnebago—twenty miles N. W. from Fond du Lac, and twelve S. from Neenah. Population 1350.

PALMYRA.

Organized December 4, 1847, by Rev. S. Peet  
and C. W. Camp.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	14	14
Added in 1848 - - -	0	4	4
“ 1849 - - -	4	5	9
“ 1850 - - -	0	5	5
Whole number received - -	4	28	32
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. W. Camp, from November 1847 to November 1848. Rev. W. C. Fiske, from November 1848 to April 1850,—half the time each. Rev. H. T. Lathrop, the present minister, commenced his labors May 12, 1850.

*Place of meeting.*—A hall in the 2d story of a large brick School-house.

*Situated*,—In the S. E. corner of Jefferson County, nine miles E. from Whitewater, and twenty W. from Waukesha. Population of the town 1000.

PARIS.

Organized September 8, 1844, by Rev. C. C.  
Cadwell.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	14	14	Added in 1848	0	0	0
Added in 1845	0	0	0	" 1849	18	9	27
" 1846	0	2	2	" 1850	0	0	0
" 1847	0	4	4				
Whole number received -					18	29	47
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—42.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. Rood, from Nov. 1844 to November 1845, half the time. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from February 1846 to August 1847. Rev. C. L. Adams, from June to Sept. 1849, three months. Rev. Chas. Boynton, the present minister, commenced his labors June 1850.

*Place of Worship.*—To be erected the coming season.

*Situation.*—The members of this church reside on both sides of the line between the Counties of Racine and Kenosha, fourteen miles from Racine and fourteen from Kenosha.

#### PLEASANT PRAIRIE.

Organized January 11, 1844, by Rev. S. Peet and M. P. Kinney.

			Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	-	-	5	13	18
Added in 1845	-	-	0	0	0
" 1846	-	-	0	10	10
" 1847	-	-	0	6	6
" 1848	-	-	0	0	0
" 1849	-	-	1	5	6
" 1850	-	-	3	4	7
Whole number received	-		9	38	47

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—39.

*Ministers.*—Rev. A. Barlow, from January 1844 to January 1845. Rev. H. Marsh, from May 1845 to May 1847. Rev. T. Tenney, from July 1847,—half the time each.

*Situated,*—In Kenosha County, six miles W. from Kenosha.



## PEWAUKEE.

Organized August 22, 1840, by Rev. O. F. Curtis.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	5	10	15	Added in 1845	0	2	2
Added in 1840	0	2	2	" 1846	0	2	2
" 1841	6	4	10	" 1847	0	0	0
" 1842	0	0	0	" 1848	0	0	0
" 1843	2	0	2	" 1849	0	1	1
" 1844	0	0	0	" 1850	0	0	0

Whole number received - - - 13 21 34

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—33.

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Baker, from July 1841 to July 1843. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from October 1843 to October 1844. Half the time each. Rev. A. Lilley commenced October 1844.

*Situated,* In Waukesha County, five miles N. W. from Waukesha, and twenty W. from Milwaukee.

This church originally embraced Lisbon, and bore the name of both towns till August 1842.

## PIKE GROVE.

Organized December 3, 1839, by Rev. S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	8	8	Added in 1845	23	2	25
Added in 1840	25	0	25	" 1846	9	2	11
" 1841	7	0	7	" 1847	0	5	5
" 1842	0	1	1	" 1848	3	9	12
" 1843	0	0	0	" 1849	3	0	3
" 1844	4	0	4	" 1850	0	1	1

Whole number received - - - 74 28 102

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—34.

*Ministers.*—Rev. O. F. Curtis, from December 1839 to May 1840. Rev. M. Ordway, from May 1841 to March 1843. Rev. D. A. Sherman, from May to December 1843, and Rev. A. Barlow, from April to October 1844,—half the time each. Rev. H. Marsh, from October 1844 to July 1847. Rev. T. Tenney, from July 1847 to October 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1845 and 1846 : finished in 1848. It is 26 by 36 : will seat 160 :

*Situated,*—In Kenosha Co., six miles N. W. from Kenosha and eight S. W. from Racine. Population 680.

### PLATTEVILLE.

Organized August 17, 1839, by Rev. A. Kent and A. Hale.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	11	1	12	Added in 1845	0	9	9
Added in 1840	22	9	31	“ 1846	0	17	17
“ 1841	5	10	15	“ 1847	2	22	24
“ 1842	2	17	19	“ 1848	6	8	14
“ 1843	2	2	4	“ 1849	16	4	20
“ 1844	36	14	50	“ 1850	11	11	22
Whole number received - - - -					113	124	237

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—128.

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Chaffee, from July 1840 to July 1841, half the time. Rev. Geo. Curtis, and Rev. A. M. Dixon, each 3 months in 1841 and 1842. Rev. E. G. Bradford, from November 1842 to February 1844. Rev. J. D. Stevens,

from March 1844 to December 1846. Rev. J. Lewis, the present pastor, commenced his labors September 1, 1847, and was installed January 27, 1848.

Mr. Stevens was installed as pastor Jan. 12, 1844, and dismissed December 22, 1846.

*House of Worship.*—The church occupied the Academy building several years as a place of worship, which was fitted with slips for the purpose. The present house was built in 1846: is 40 by 60; contains 64 slips, and will seat about 400. Cost \$3000.

*Situated.*—In the east part of Grant Co., twenty-five miles N. from Galena, seventy S. of W. from Madison, and one hundred and fifty from Milwaukee.

*Rem.*—The churches of Big Platte and Elk Grove, were colonies from this church.

### POTOSI.

Organized November 15, 1840 by Rev. Jas. Gallaher.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	29	0	29	Added in 1845	0	5	5
Added in 1840	16	0	16	" 1846	18	0	18
" 1841	0	0	0	" 1847	2	0	2
" 1842	40	2	42	" 1848	1	2	3
" 1843	8	1	9	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1844	0	3	3	" 1850	0	0	0

Whole number received - - - 114 13 127

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—32.

*Ministers.*—Occasional preaching till July 1842, when Rev. W. E. Boardman commenced, and labored about two years. Rev. C. Warner, from Oct. 1844 to Aug. 1846. Rev. H. Freeman, from Oct. 1847 to Oct. 1849. Rev. E. Morris, the present minister, commenced his labors October 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1842,—Steeple and slips built, and bell procured in 1850. It is 25 by 30 ; will seat about 200. Cost \$1000.

*Situated,*—On the Mississippi river, in Grant County, thirty miles N. from Galena, thirty-five S. W. from Mineral Point and sixteen from Platteville.

### PRAIRIE DU CHEIN.

Organized Jan. 1842, by Rev. J. D. Stevens.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot		Pro.	Let.	Tot
Original memb's	0	12	12	Added in 1846	0	0	0
Added in 1842	8	5	13	“ 1847	0	0	0
“ 1843	14	3	17	“ 1848	4	4	8
“ 1844	1	1	2	“ 1849	0	0	0
“ 1845	0	0	0	“ 1850	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	-	-		27	25	52

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—20.

*Ministers.*—Rev. J. D. Stevens, from December 1841 to Sept. 1843. Rev. N. M. Wells, while chaplain at Ft. Crawford, preached a portion of the time to this church, from July 1844 to November 1845. Have had no preaching for

five years. Members removed and the church much reduced.

*Place of Worship.*—The Court House.

*Situation* On the Mississippi river, two miles above the junction of the Wisconsin, eighty miles N. from Galena, forty N. W. from Platteville. County seat of Crawford County. Population 1847.

*Rem.*—This was a trading post and Fort as early as the first settlement of Philadelphia. A majority of the population are French and Irish.

#### PRAIRIE DU SAC.

Organized January 22, 1841, by Rev. S. Chaffee.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	9	9	Added in 1846	0	0	0
Added in 1842	6	3	9	" 1847	1	0	1
" 1843	4	2	6	" 1848	1	0	1
" 1844	1	1	2	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1845	0	0	0	" 1850	0	2	2
Whole number received	-	-	-		13	17	30

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—19.

*Ministers.*—Rev. P. W. Nichols, from April 1842 to April 1844. Rev. E. G. Bradford, from Nov. 1847 to March 1847. Rev. W. Cochran, from October 1847 to November 1849. Vacant at present time.

*Situated.*—On the Wisconsin river, in Sauk Co., twenty-five miles N. W. from Madison. Population of the village 600.

### RACINE.—*Presbyterian.*

Organized February 13, 1839, by Rev. C. Nichols.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	19	19	Added in 1845	4	30	34
Added in 1839	1	4	5	" 1846	32	30	62
" 1840	7	9	16	" 1847	4	17	21
" 1841	0	3	3	" 1848	6	24	30
" 1842	2	15	17	" 1849	0	11	11
" 1843	21	31	52	" 1850	3	27	30
" 1844	4	5	9				
Whole number received	-	-	-		84	225	30
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—191.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Nichols, from February 1837 to February 1839. Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from July 1839 to July 1840. Rev. N. Kingsbury, from November 1, 1840 six months. Rev. Hiram Foote, from January 1, 1842 to April 1, 1845. Rev. T. M. Hopkins, from August 1845 to March 1850. Rev. Z. M. Humphrey, the present pastor, commenced his labors in April 1850, and was ordained and installed October 9, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—The present house was built in 1842—enlarged in 1843. It is 30 by 60, contains 68 slips and will seat about 450. Cost \$1000.

Measures have been taken and a subscription raised, amounting to near \$8000, towards a more commodious house, to be erected the coming season.



RACINE.—*Congregational.*

Organized February 9, 1851, by Rev. T. M. Hopkins.

Number of members - - - - - 40

*Minister.*—Rev. T. M. Hopkins. Commenced April 1850 : gathered a congregation, and preached in the Court House until the House of Worship was finished and the church organized.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1850 : dedicated February 5, 1851. It is of the Swiss Cottage and Gothic style, 40 by 66, with 5 painted arch windows on each side and one in front between two large porches, which terminate in 4 pointed buttresses : contains 72 slips, and will seat about 600. Cost \$4,500.

*Situation.*—Racine is situated on the west shore of Lake Michigan, twenty-five miles S. from Milwaukee, sixty-five N. from Chicago : County seat of Racine County : incorporated as a city in 1850. Population 5111.

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RICHMOND.

Organized June 17, 1850, by Rev. S. Chaffee.

Original members by letter - - - 14

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—14.

*Situated.*—In Richland County, eight miles W. from Richland city.

## RAYMOND.

Organized March 12, 1840, by themselves.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	5	5	Added in 1845	2	4	6
Added in 1840	0	5	5	" 1846	1	3	4
" 1841	11	13	24	" 1847	0	3	3
" 1842	1	2	3	" 1848	15	7	22
" 1843	0	1	1	" 1849	4	6	10
" 1844	1	4	5	" 1850	19	8	27
Whole number received -					54	61	115

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—88.

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. McPherson, from December 1840 to August 1842. Rev. S. Chaffee, from October 1843 to October 1844. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from Feb. 1845 to February 1847. Rev. C. Nichols, from February to September 1847,—half the time each. Rev. T. Loomis, the present pastor, commenced his labors in March 1848, and was installed January 9, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1848 : 30 by 38 : contains 36 slips, and will seat about 200. Cost \$800. Received \$150 aid from abroad, chiefly from friends in Kingsboro, N. Y.

*Situated,*—In Racine County, fourteen miles N. W. from Racine, and eighteen S. W. from Milwaukee. Population of the town 1027.

## RICHLAND CITY.

Organized June 10, 1850, by Rev. A. S. Allen, S. Chaffee and A. D. Laughlin.

Original members by letter - - - 11

Number of members, Jan. 1, 1851—11.

*Minister.*—Rev. S. Chaffee. Commenced Jan. 1, 1850. Preaches half the time to this church.

*Situated,*—In Richland County, on the Wisconsin river,

Richland County lies on the north side of Wisconsin river, between Crawford and Sauk Counties. Population of the County 903.

### RIDGEWAY.

Organized March 23, 1845, by Rev. N. Cooke.

				Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members.	-	-		15.	5	20
Added in	-	-	1846	0	4	4
"	-	-	1847	0	0	0
"	-	-	1848	1	1	2
"	-	-	1849	1	4	5
"	-	-	1850	12	6	18
Whole number received				29	20	49
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—39.						

*Ministers.*—Rev. N. Cooke, from September 1843 to May 1845. Rev. A. D. Laughlin, from December 1845 to September 1846. Rev. A. S. Allen, from November 1846 to November 1848,—half the time each. Rev. D. Jones commenced January 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1846: 20 by 30: will seat about 100. Cost about \$400.

*Situated,*—In Iowa Co., fourteen miles N. E. from Mineral Point, and thirty-five W. from Madison. Population 704.

## ROSENDALE.

Organized June 4, 1848, by Rev. Dana Lamb.

	Profession.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	20	20
Added in 1848 - - -	2	3	5
" 1849 - - -	0	6	6
" 1850 - - -	0	6	6
Whole number received -	2	35	37

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—30.

*Minister.*—Rev. L. Bridgeman. Commenced August 1848. Preaches half the time.

*Situated.*—In Fond du Lac County, twelve miles W. from Fond du Lac, and fourteen miles N. from Waupun. Population of the town 700.

## ROCHESTER.

Organized May 1840, by Rev. C. C. Cadwell.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	16	14	30	Added in 1846	0	2	2
Added in 1841	0	0	0	" 1847	0	4	4
" 1842	4	9	13	" 1848	2	10	12
" 1843	3	4	7	" 1849	0	1	1
" 1844	2	6	8	" 1850	0	2	2
" 1845	1	14	15				
Whole number received -	-	-	-		28	66	94

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—39.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from July 1839 to July 1843. Rev. M. Wells, from October 1843 to May 1847. Rev. R. R. Snow, the

present minister, commenced his labors in November 1847.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1845; finished in 1848: 32 by 45: contains 48 slips, and will seat about 300. Cost \$1800.

*Situated,*—On the Fox river, in Racine Co., twenty-two miles W. from Racine, and twenty-seven S. W. from Milwaukee. Population of town 1672.

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### SALEM.

Organized October 3, 1840, by Rev. J. U. Parsons.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	7	7	Added in 1846	0	8	8
Added in 1841	0	0	0	" 1847	0	0	0
" 1842	0	3	3	" 1848	0	4	4
" 1843	7	3	10	" 1849	4	9	13
" 1844	0	4	4	" 1850	2	0	2
" 1845	0	2	2				
Whole number received	-	-	-		13	40	53
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—38.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Chaffee, from July 1842 to July 1843. Rev. A. Harwood, from July 1843 to July 1844. Rev. E. C. Birge, from October 1844 to April 1845. Rev. E. D. Coleman, from June 1845 to June 1846. Rev. D. Pinkerton, the present minister, commenced January 1, 1847.

*Situated,*—In Kenosha County, fifteen miles W. from Kenosha. Population about 900.

SHEBOYGAN.—*Congregational.*

Organized August 17, 1845 by Rev. S. Peet and H. Lyman.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - -	1	14	15
Added in 1846 - -	4	27	31
" 1847 - -	3	13	16
" 1848 - -	0	0	0
" 1849 - -	9	12	21
" 1850 - -	3	4	7
Whole number received -	20	70	90

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—43.

*Ministers.*—Rev. H. Lyman, from October 1845 to October 1848. Rev. W. S. Blanchard, from November 1848 to November 1850. Rev. Thos. H. Rood the present minister, commenced his labors November 17, 1840.

*House of Worship.*—A building was erected in 1847, and was blown down while in an unfinished state. The present house was erected the same year, and dedicated in November 1847. It is 25 by 32: contains 30 slips, and will seat about 250 or 300. Cost \$1200, including the bell.

*Situated,*—On Lake Michigan, sixty miles N. from Milwaukee. Population 2436.

*Rem.*—This church when organized embraced the whole county. In 1847, 18 members were dismissed to organize a church at the Falls. Others have been dismissed elsewhere.

SHEBOYGAN.—*Presbyterian.*

Organized in January 1850, by Rev. H. Lyman.



Original members, on Prof. 0, by Letter, 6,	6
Added in 1850, " 5, " 18	23

Whole number received - - - - 29

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Minister.*—Rev. H. Lyman. Commenced his labors January 1, 1850.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1850 : 20 by 50 : contains 34 slips ; seat 200. Cost \$700.

### SUMMIT.

Organized September 25, 1841, by Rev. S. Peet and S. Baker.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	10	10	Added in 1846	0	19	19
Added in 1841	2	0	2	" 1847	0	6	6
" 1842	0	0	0	" 1848	0	1	1
" 1843	5	17	22	" 1849	0	1	1
" 1844	1	3	4	" 1850	0	4	4
" 1845	0	0	0				

Whole number received - - - - 8 61 69

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—37.

*Ministers.*—Rev S. Baker, from August 1841 to August 1842, half the time. Rev. Daniel Parker, from December 1, 1845 to June 1846. Rev. E. G. Montague, the present pastor, commenced his labors July 19, 1846, and was installed January 8, 1848.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1844 : 25 by 40 : will seat 150 to 200. Cost \$800.

*Situated.*—In Waukesha County, thirty miles W. from Milwaukee. Population 1008;

## SHEBOYGAN FALLS.

Organized June 12, 1847, by Rev. H. Marsh and H. Lyman.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	13	13
Added in 1847 - - -	1	6	7
" 1848 - - -	23	32	55
" 1849 - - -	6	9	15
" 1850 - - -	1	1	2
Whole number received -	31	61	92

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—72.

*Minister.*—Rev. H. Marsh, the present minister, commenced his labors in June 1847.

*Place of Worship.*—School-house. A liberal subscription is raised for a church, to be built the coming season.

*Situated,*—Five miles west from Sheboygan. Population 1046.

## SHOPIERE.

Organized April 27, 1844, by Rev. D. Clary and S. Peet.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	1	12	13	Added in 1848	3	2	5
Added in 1844	5	4	9	" 1849	11	9	20
" 1845	0	3	3	" 1850	16	8	24
" 1846	15	2	17				
" 1847	0	3	3	Whole num rec'd	51	43	94

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—81.

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. H. Thompson, from May 1844 to May 1848, half the time. Rev. O. F. Curtis, from October 1848 to October 1850. Rev. O. S. Powell, the present minister, commenced his labors November 1, 1850.

*Situated,*—In Rock County, eight miles N. E. from Beloit, on the Turtle river. The village and the church formerly bore the name of Waterloo.

### SPRING PRAIRIE.

Organized January 27, 1841, by Rev. C. Nichols.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	6	6	Added in 1846	0	4	4
Added in 1841	2	8	10	" 1847	0	0	0
" 1842	8	10	18	" 1848	0	0	0
" 1843	0	6	6	" 1849	0	0	0
" 1844	0	0	0	" 1850	0	0	0
" 1845	0	8	8				
Whole number received	-	-	-		10	42	52

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—23.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Nichols, from June 1840 to June 1844. Rev. L. Parker, from September 1844 to September 1845. Rev. W. Cochran, from November 1845 to November 1847,—half the time each. No preaching for three years past.

*Situated,* In Walworth County, six miles E. from Elkhorn, and forty S. W. from Milwaukee. Population 1344.

## SHULLSBURGH.

Organized Jan. 1848, by Rev. G. F. Magoun.

Original members, on Profes. 16, by Letter 20, 36

No additions since.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—18.

*Ministers.*—Rev. G. F. Magoun, from October 1847 to May 1848. Rev. H. Freeman, from December 1848 to June 1849, half the time. Rev. J. Reynard commenced in July 1850, and preaches half the time.

*Situated,*—In Lafayette Co., eighteen miles N. E. from Galena, and eighteen S. E. from Platteville. Population 1672.

## SPRINGVALE.

Organized April 25, 1848, by a Council—Rev. E. G. Bradford, L. C. Spofford, and delegates from the churches of Fond du Lac and Waupun.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members, - -	2	31	33
Added in 1848, - -	2	2	4
“ 1849, - -	0	0	0
“ 1850, - -	5	3	8
Whole number received, -	9	36	45
Number of members, January 1, 1851—45.			

*Minister.*—Rev. Dana Lamb. Commenced in October 1847, and preaches half the time.

*Situated,*—In Fond du Lac Co., seven miles N. from Waupun, and thirteen W. from Fond du Lac. Population 600.

SUN PRAIRIE.

Organized August 19, 1846, by Rev. J. G.  
Kanouise and P. Eveleth.

					Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	-	-			0	5	5
Added in 1846	-	-			0	2	2
“ 1847	-	-			1	1	2
“ 1848	-	-			0	0	0
“ 1849	-	-			0	0	0
“ 1850	-	-			1	1	2
Whole number received	-				2	9	11
Number of members, Jan. 1, 1851—11.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. P. Eveleth, from 1845 to 1846. Rev. J. G. Kanouse, from 1847 to 1848. Rev. S. Curtis, from 1849 to 1850,—half the time each. Rev. C. W. Mathews commenced Nov. 1850, and preaches half the time.

*Situated*,—In Dane County, twelve miles N. of E. from Madison.

## SUGAR CREEK.

Organized July 30, 1841, by Rev. S. Peet  
and C. Nichols.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	8	8	Added in 1846	0	11	11
Added in 1841	0	5	5	" 1847	1	0	1
" 1842	0	0	0	" 1848	0	0	0
" 1843	0	0	0	" 1849	0	2	2
" 1844	0	5	5	" 1850	3	3	6
" 1845	0	3	3				
Whole number received -	-	-	-		4	37	41

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—30.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Nichols, from June 1840 to October 1841. Rev. A. Gaston, from October 1841 to October 1842. Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans, from Oct. 1842 to October 1843. Rev. D. Pinkerton, from October 1844 to Oct. 1846. Rev. S. E. Miner from Dec. 1846 to December 1847. Rev. Jas. Saxby, from January to Nov. 1848. Rev. S. E. Miner, from November 1848 to December 1850,—half the time each.

*Situated,*—In Walworth County, four miles N. from Elkhorn, and forty miles from Milwaukee. Population 1230.

### TROY.

Organized August 17, 1839, by Rev. Lemuel Hall.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	9	9	Added in 1845	0	10	10
Added in 1840	17	0	17	" 1846	0	4	4
" 1841	0	0	0	" 1847	1	3	4
" 1842	1	7	8	" 1848	1	8	9
" 1843	0	7	7	" 1849	25	3	28
" 1844	0	6	6	" 1850	4	2	6
Whole number received				-	49	59	108
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851,—71.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. A. Sherman, from June 1, to December 1, 1840, half the time. Rev. S. Chaffee, from July 1841 to July 1842. Rev. C. E. Rosenkrans, from October 1842 to October 1844. Rev. R. R. Snow, from November 1844



to October 1847. Rev. M. Wells, the present minister, commenced his labors Oct. 15, 1847.

Mr. Snow was ordained and installed over the church February 26, 1845, and was dismissed November 1, 1846.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1848 : 38 by 40 : contains 44 slips and will seat about 300 people. Cost \$1400.

*Situated,*—In Walworth Co., thirty-two miles S. W. from Milwaukee. Population of village 228, of town 1092.

## VINLAND.

Organized January 1850, by Rev. H. Freeman.

Original members, by Letter - - - 9  
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—9.

*Situated,*—In Winnebago County, five miles from Oshkosh, and eight from Neenah. Population 750.

## WARREN.

Organized October 1, 1841, by Rev. S. Baker.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb'rs	0	8	8	Added in 1846	0	0	0
Added in 1842	0	0	0	“ 1847	0	0	0
“ 1843	1	4	5	“ 1848	0	1	1
“ 1844	0	4	4	“ 1849	0	0	0
“ 1845	0	3	3	“ 1850	0	1	1
Whole number received,	-	-	-		1	21	22
Number of members, January 1, 1851—21.							

*Ministers.*—Rev. S. Baker, from September 1841 to September 1842. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from October 1843 to October 1844. Rev. Wm. Marchant, from October 1844 to October 1846, half the time each. Rev. A. Lilley commenced January 1848, and preaches half the time.

*Situated,*—In Waukesha County, ten miles N. W. from Waukesha.

### WATERLOO.

Organized February 1, 1845 by Rev. Stephen Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	10	10
Added in 1846 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1847 - - -	3	2	5
“ 1848 - - -	0	1	1
“ 1849 - - -	0	3	3
“ 1850 - - -	1	0	1
Whole number received -	4	17	21

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—20.

*Ministers.*—Rev. Ed. Reynolds, from October 1845, one year, half the time. Rev. I. E. Heaton, the present minister commenced preaching at this place November 15, 1846.

*Place of meeting,*—Large School-house.

*Situated,*—In Jefferson Co., nine miles N. W. from Lake Mills, twenty-six E. from Madison, thirteen S. E. from Columbus. Population of village 200, town 805.

## WAUKESHA.

Organized January 20, 1838 by Rev. G. Crawford.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	18	18	Added in. 1844	22	22	44
Added in 1838	0	8	8	" 1845	1	6	7
" 1839	0	3	3	" 1846	4	7	11
" 1840	50	23	73	" 1847	4	4	8
" 1841	43	19	62	" 1848	4	1	5
" 1842	8	9	17	" 1849	0	2	2
" 1843	9	8	17	" 1850	1	0	1
Whole number received - - -					146	130	276

Number of members January 1, 1851—98 .

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. Nichols from May 1, 1839 to May 1840. Rev. O. F. Curtis from May 1840 to November 1846. From Nov. 1846 to May 1850 Rev. Thomas Tenney, J Ingersoll and Chas. Jones preached six months each, and I. Coddington about a year. Rev. J. H. Martyn the present minister commenced his labors November 1850.

Mr. Curtis was installed June 29, 1842, and dismissed in 1846.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1840, enlarged in 1848. It is 26 by 60; has 40 slips; will seat 300 people. Cost about \$1500.

*Situation.* County seat of Waukesha County, seventeen miles W. from Milwaukee on the rail road.

Population of village 1400, town 2200.

*Rem.*—This place and the church bore the name of Prairieville till 1847.

## WATERTOWN.

Organized July 13, 1845 by Rev. S. Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members, - - -	0	9	9
Added in 1846, - - -	0	0	0
“ 1847, - - -	0	6	6
“ 1848, - - -	2	6	8
“ 1849, - - -	3	2	5
“ 1850, - - -	0	0	0
Whole number received, -	5	23	28

Number of members, January 1, 1851—21.

*Ministers.*—Rev. B. F. Parsons from September 1846 to September 1847. Rev. J. G. Craighead from October 1847 to June 1849. Rev. N. C. Chapin, the present minister, commenced his labors November 1, 1850.

Mr. Parsons was ordained while preaching at this place but not installed as pastor of the church.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1849, finished in 1850, contains 37 slips, will seat nearly 200. Cost \$1500.

## WILLOW SPRINGS.

Organized May 2, 1847, by Rev. J. D. Stevens.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	1	10	11
Added in 1847 - - -	2	0	2
“ 1848 - - -	2	0	2
“ 1849 - - -	1	3	4
“ 1850 - - -	0	0	0
Whole number received -	6	13	19

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. D. Stevens preached from January 1, 1848 to January 1, 1850, half the time.

*Situated.*—In Lafayette Co., fourteen miles S. W. from Mineral Point. Population 600.

### WHITEWATER.

Organized July 3, 1840, by Rev. D. Smith.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	0	15	15	Added in 1846	2	8	10
Added in 1841	0	7	7	" 1847	0	12	12
" 1842	2	8	10	" 1848	0	1	1
" 1843	4	13	17	" 1849	0	1	1
" 1844	1	28	29	" 1850	1	5	6
" 1845	14	10	24				
Whole number received	-	-	-		24	108	132

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—97.

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. Smith one third of the time one year from October 1839. Rev. S. Smalley from June 1, 1841 to June 1842. Rev. F. H. Case from July 1842 to February 1844. Rev. M. P. Kinney, the present pastor, commenced his labors February 25, 1844, was installed March 4 1846.

*House of Worship.*—First house built in 1843 : 26 by 36 : contained 34 slips. Cost about \$400. The present house was built in 1848 : finished in 1849. It is brick : 40 by 60 : has 50 slips : will seat between 400 and 500. Cost \$4300.

*Situated.*—In the N. W. corner of Walworth County, on a river of the same name, forty miles W. from Milwaukee, and fifty from Madison. Population of village 600, town 1250.

Organized July 18, 1845, by Rev. S. Peet.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	10	10
Added in 1846 - - -	0	6	6
“ 1847 - - -	0	5	5
“ 1848 - - -	0	13	13
“ 1849 - - -	0	2	2
“ 1850 - - -	0	2	2
Whole number received - -	0	38	38
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—31.			

*Ministers.*—Rev. E. S. Peck preached half the time from July 1845 one year. Rev. E. G. Bradford was the minister from October 1847 to October 1850. The church is now vacant.

*Place of Worship.*—School house.

*Situated*,—In Fond du Lac Co., on the south line, eighteen miles S. W. from Fond du Lac, and fourteen from Beaver Dam. Population of the village about 500.

Organized March 1. 1842, by Rev. J. J. Miter  
and H. Marsh.

	Pro.	Let.	Tot.		Pro.	Let.	Tot.
Original memb's	2	9	11	Added in 1846	0	1	1
Added in 1842	8	3	11	" 1847	2	4	6
" 1843	2	6	8	" 1848	0	2	2
" 1844	0	5	5	" 1849	7	2	9
" 1845	2	6	8	" 1850	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	-	-		23	38	61
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—52.							



*Ministers.*—Rev. H. Marsh, from January 1, 1842 to July 1842. Rev. L. Bridgeman, from October 1842 to October 1843. Rev. J. Kitchell, from December 1843 to May 1845. Rev. Luther Clapp, the present paster, commenced his labors July 1845. Was installed June 29, 1845.

*Place of meeting.*—Alternately at the village and two miles N. W. Large school-houses.

*Situated,*—Five miles W. from Milwaukee. Population of village 200, town 2175.

### WYOMING.

Organized July 21, 1846, by the Rev. Z. Eddy and D. Jones.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - -	4	5	9
Added in 1846 - -	6	1	7
“ 1847 - -	0	3	3
“ 1848 - -	13	8	21
“ 1849 - -	0	0	0
“ 1850 - -	11	0	11
Whole number received -	34	17	51

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—41.

*Minister.*—Rev. A. D. Laughlin. Commenced March 21, 1846.

*Situation.*—Wyoming valley lies on the Wisconsin river, in Iowa County, twelve miles N. from Dodgeville, and eighteen from Mineral Point. Population 276.

## YELLOW STONE.

Organized Feb. 21, 1848, by Rev. J. D. Stevens.

		Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members	-	4	5	9
Added in 1848	- -	11	2	13
" 1849	-	1	0	1
" 1850	- -	0	0	0
Whole number received	-	16	7	23

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—20.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. D. Stevens, half the time from January 1848 to January 1850.

*Situated,*—Ten miles S. E. from Mineral Point.

## BARABOO.

A Presbyterian church was organized February 26, 1851, by Rev. D. Clary, consisting of fourteen members.

## WELSH CHURCHES.

There are twelve Welsh churches and eight ministers in Wisconsin. These churches uniformly adopt the Congregational form of government. Most of their ministers and the churches from which they came belonged to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Their doctrinal views correspond with those held by the Convention and by the Congregational bodies in this country.

The statistics of some of these churches are not complete as to the detail.

## BERLIN.

Organized July 1850, by Rev. J. Jenkins.

Number of members - - - - 20

*Minister.*—Rev. Owen Owens.

*Situated,*—Two miles from Berlin in Marquette County.

## BLUE MOUNDS.

Organized March 1847, by Rev. A. S. Allen and D. Jones.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - - -	0	9	9
Added in 1847 - - -	0	11	11
“ 1848 - - -	0	5	5
“ 1849 - - -	4	4	8
“ 1850 - - -	0	4	4
Whole numbr received - -	4	33	37
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—30.			

*Minister.*—Rev. D. Jones, from July 1846 to January 1850.

*Situated,*—In Dane County, twenty-five miles W. from Madison.

## DELAFIELD.

Organized July 1844, by Rev. O. F. Curtis and R. Morris.

Original members - - - - -	12
Added since - - - - -	30
Whole number received - - - - -	42
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—32	

*Minister.*—Rev. Richard Morris. Commenced July 1844. Preaches to this church half the time.

*Situated,*—In Waukesha County, ten miles W. from Waukesha.

### DODGEVILLE.

Organized December 1845, by Rev. Z. Eddy, J. Lewis and D. Jones.

	Profes.	Letter.	Total.
Original members - -	0	19	19
Added in 1846 - -	1	19	20
" 1847 - -	3	5	8
" 1848 - -	0	8	8
" 1849 - -	0	5	5
" 1850 - -	0	2	2
Whole number received -	4	58	62

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—40.

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. Jones, from January 1, 1846 to July 1848, half the time. Rev. Wm. Parry, from November 1848 to July 1850.

*Situated,*—In Iowa County, forty-five miles W. from Madison, and eight N. from Mineral Point.

### EMMET.

Organized December 1846, by Rev. D. Jones and R. Morris.

Number of members January 1, 1851 - - 16

*Minister.*—Rev. R. Morris. Commenced in 1846. Preaches half the time.

*Situated,*—In Dodge County, eight miles N. W. from Watertown.

## HALF WAY PRAIRIE.

Organized July 1848, by Rev. D. Jones.

Original members, - - - - -	13
Added since - - - - -	15
Whole number received - - - - -	<u>28</u>

Number of members, January 1, 1851—20.

*Minister.*—Rev. J. H. Roberts, from 1848 to 1850. Died April 12, 1850.

*Situated,*—In Dane County.

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## MONTELLO.

Organized August 1850, by Rev. J. Jenkins.

Original members - - - - -	12
Added since - - - - -	7
Number of members January 1, 1851 - - -	<u>19</u>

*Minister.*—Mr. J. Jones, a licensed preacher.

*Situated,*—Near Buffalo Lake, fifteen miles N. W. from Kingston.

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## NEENAH.

Organized December 1849, by Rev. David Lewis.

Original members by Letter - - - - -	19
Added in 1848 by Letter - - - - -	6
Number of members Jan. 1, 1851 - - -	<u>25</u>

*Minister.*—Rev. D. Lewis, a part of the time.



## OSHKOSH.

Organized January 1, 1850, by Rev. D. Lewis

Number of members - - - - 16

*Minister.*—Rev. D. Lewis.

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## SPRING GREEN PRAIRIE.

Date of organization, and number of members unknown.

*Situated,*—In the S. W. part of Sauk County, opposite Helena.

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RACINE.—*Bethel, Congregational.*

Organized January 3, 1848, by Rev. T. M. Hopkins and R. Morris,

Original members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Added in 1848	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
“ 1849	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
“ 1850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Whole number received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—36.

*Minister.*—Rev. Evan J. Evans. Commenced his labors April 1848.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1848 : 25 by 30 : contains 30 slips. Cost \$450.



## UTICA.

Organized January 1, 1851, by Rev. J. Jenkins and D. Lewis.

Number of members - - - - - 9

*Ministers.*—Rev. D. Lewis.

*Situated,*—In Fond du Lac County, twelve miles W. from Fond du Lac.

## WELSH PRAIRIE.

Organized July 1848, by Rev. David Jones.

Original members by Letter - - - - - 19

Added since - - - - - 13

Whole number received - - - - - 32

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—32.

*Minister.*—Rev. Jenkin Jenkins. Commenced preaching to the church October 1848, and is still their minister.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1850 : 22 by 25 : contains 16 slips. Cost \$460.

*Situated,*—In Columbia County, ten miles W. from Fox Lake, and thirty-five N. from Madison.

There is also a Welsh church at the outlet of Buffalo Lake.

Number of Members - - - - - 24

Organized by Rev. J. Jenkins.

No minister.

*Situated,*—Four miles from Montello.

CHURCHES IN ILLINOIS CONNECTED WITH THE  
CONVENTION.

These churches became connected with the Convention partly as a matter of convenience, and partly on account of their preference for the plan of organization. The churches of Rockton and Roscoe, Illinois, and of Dubuque, Iowa, were connected with the Convention several years, and were dismissed when ecclesiastical bodies were organized in their vicinity.

## AMAZON.

Organized in 1843, by Rev. L. Hall.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851     -     -     -     20

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## HEBRON.

*Situated*,—In McHenry County, Ill.

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851     -     -     -     27

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## RICHMOND.

Organized December 23, 1843, by Rev. L. Rogers.

Whole number of members on Prof. 14, by Let. 29     43

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—29.

*Ministers*.—Rev. L. Rogers, from 1843 to 1846, half the time. Rev. I. A. Hart, from June 1847 to June 1848. Rev. J. V. Downs commenced in 1848.

*Situated*,—In McHenry County, Ill.

**SHIRLAND.**—*Formerly Oakland.*

Organized December 1845, by Rev. L. H. Loss.

Whole number received - - - - 28

Number of members January 1, 1851—23.

*Ministers.*—Rev. L. H. Loss, from October 1844 to August 1846. Rev. S. Peet, from March 1847 to March 1848. Rev. H. Taylor commenced his labors September 1849.

*Situated,*—In Winnebago County, Ill., eight miles W. from Rockton, and nine miles S. W. from Beloit.

**WAUKEGAN.**

Organized August 30, 1843, by Rev. C. C. Cadwell.

Whole number received, on Prof. 34, Letter 104 133

Number of members Jan. 1, 1851—96.

*Ministers.*—Rev. C. C. Cadwell, from November 1843 to September 1847. Rev. B. F. Parsons, their present pastor, commenced his labors Sept. 1, 1847, and was installed Nov. 1, 1848.

*House of Worship.*—Built in 1845: enlarged in 1849. It is 24 by 56: contains 36 slips, and cost about \$800.

*Situated,*—On Lake Michigan,—County seat of Lake County, thirty-six miles N. from Chicago, and fifty S. from Milwaukee. Population of village 3069. The name of the place and of the church was originally Little Fort. Changed to Waukegan in 1847.

## CHURCHES WHICH HAVE BECOME EXTINCT.

Several churches have been organized and existed for a time which, for various reasons, have been disbanded. Some of these churches were for a season flourishing and useful, and it is believed their history is of sufficient interest to justify a brief notice in this work.

## BELMONT.

A Presbyterian church, of six members, was organized at this place, August 5, 1838, by Rev. A. Kent and I. E. Heaton. Mr. Heaton came to this place in 1837, and taught a school and preached nearly two years in "his own hired house." The communion was celebrated by the church once in two months regularly.

In 1836, the Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, which then included Iowa, held its sessions at this place. A number of buildings were erected and the beginning of a beautiful village was made. A weekly political paper was published, for some time, entitled the "Belmont Gazette." The place subsequently declined, and in 1844 the church was disbanded, and most of the members connected with the church at Platteville.

## CALUMETVILLE.

A Presbyterian church was organized in this place in January, 1843, by Rev. C. Marsh and Jer. Porter. Number of members, nine. No regular preaching. Some of the members died and others removed from the place and the church became extinct, after a feeble existence of about two years. The ground is now occupied chiefly by foreign population.

## CASSVILLE.

This church was organized in September, 1842, by Rev. J. D. Stevens, and embraced thirteen members, five of whom were received on profession, being the fruit of a re-

vival at the time. Mr. J. H. D. Street, a licentiate of the Mineral Point Convention, preached here nearly two years, and Rev. S. Chaffee about the same length of time. Some additions were made to the church, but the place declined. Many of the members lived nine miles distant, in the vicinity of Bee Town, and when the church was organized in that place, in 1847, they united, and this church was dissolved.

*Rem.*—This place sprung up in 1835 and '36 and was flourishing for a short time. A company from Albany, N. Y., expended a large amount in buildings and improvements. A public house was erected which, it is said, cost nearly \$40,000; but the reverses of the times and the unhealthiness of the place operated to prevent its growth. Situated on the Mississippi River, fifty miles above Galena.

#### SOUTH PRAIRIEVILLE.

This church was organized Jan. 17, 1840, by Rev. M. Ordway, and consisted of twenty-four members. It enjoyed regular preaching for several years and was a flourishing and influential church. Additions were made from time to time both by letter and on profession. The whole number received was over *seventy*.

Rev. N. Kingsbury was their minister from April 1841 to July 1843, when he died. Rev. C. Warner preached here half the time from July 1843 to January 1845, and Rev. E. D. Seward from May 1845 to May 1846. About this time a large number of the members removed from the place. The church of Genesee brought its centre or place of meeting to their present location, about three miles distant, and in March 1847 this church was disbanded, and the members united with the churches at Genesee and Waukesha.

#### FRANKLIN.—*Milwaukee Co.*

A Congregational church was formed in this place June 3, 1841, embracing ten members. Rev. J. U. Parsons preached here half the time two years, and Rev. L. Rood one year. A few members were added, but the increase of foreign population prevented much growth, most of the

members removed from the place and the church was disbanded in 1846.

#### MOUNT PLEASANT.

A Congregational church was organized at this place (four miles from Racine,) in November 1842, by Rev. H. Foote and S. Peet. It enjoyed preaching a part of the time and increased its members to some extent. After a few years, however, several of the members removed, and it was deemed inexpedient to sustain an organization in the place. Most of the members united at Racine and the church became extinct.

Rev. D. A. Sherman occupied this field at the time he died.

#### FOX LAKE.

A church was organized at Fox Lake, Dodge Co., in July 1845, consisting of eight members. It was then anticipated that the population of the place would increase more rapidly than it has. No regular preaching was enjoyed by the church. The members were somewhat scattered, one died and others removed from the place and the church became extinct.

*Rem.*—The first sermon preached in Dodge Co., was delivered in this place by the writer, June 12, 1839, in a log house. The entire population of the County were present and a few individuals besides, making a congregation of between thirty and forty.

#### YORKVILLE.

A Congregational church was organized in this place in 1841, by Rev. Cyrus Nichols, who afterwards preached to them a portion of the time for two or three years. Removals and other causes reduced the number of members, till the church ceased to maintain the ordinances and became extinct. The details respecting this church could not be obtained.



## TABLE

Containing a list of the CHURCHES, Form of government, Date of organization, Members received, Present number, and years of ministerial labor enjoyed.

	Gov.	Organized.	Memb. Received.			Pres. Num.	Years
			Prof.	Let.	Total.		
Allen's Grove	Con.	Aug. 1845	25	54	79	70	4
Alto	Con.	Jan. 1849	6	11	17	17	2
Appleton	Pres	Nov. 1850	1	7	8	8	1
Aztalan	Con.	Oct. 1840	16	57	73	25	4
Baraboo, Cong.	Con.	Dec. 1847	10	25	35	34	3
Baraboo, Pres.	Pres	Feb. 1851			14	14	
Beaver Dam	Pres	Jan. 1843	31	87	118	93	7
Bee Town	Con.	May 1847	5	21	26	20	4
Beloit, Cong.	Con.	Dec. 1838	140	255	395	207	11
Beloit, Pres.	Pres	Mar. 1849	11	89	100	100	2
Berlin	Con.	June 1850	0	23	23	23	1
Big Platte	Pres	June 1842	6	21	27	13	3
Blake's Prairie	Pres	April 1847	5	29	34	28	3
Bonner Branch	Con.	Nov. 1849	0	14	14	14	1
Bloomfield	Con.	May 1846	1	10	17	14	3
Bristol	Con.	Jan. 1851	1	11	12	12	
Brookfield	Con.	Dec. 1849	5	11	16	15	2
Burlington	Pres	Feb. 1848	9	37	46	18	4
Byron	Con.	Sep. 1849	5	2	7	7	1
Caledonia	Con.	Mar. 1844	2	13	15	13	4
Center	Con.	Feb. 1844	6	23	29	24	2
Cerescoe	Con.	Nov. 1850	2	9	11	11	1
Clyman	Con.	May 1844	2	16	18	9	3
Columbus	Con.	Jan. 1850	0	17	17	16	1
Cottage Grove	Pres	June 1846	23	47	70	64	4
Delafield	Pres	Jan. 1849	2	16	18	18	2
Delavan	Con.	Aug. 1841	38	102	140	88	9
Dodgeville	Con.	Sep. 1847	42	18	60	43	4
Dunkirk	Con.	Feb. 1846	16	5	21	12	4
East Troy	Pres	June 1839	20	36	56	25	10
Elk Grove	Con.	Nov. 1846	34	26	60	32	4

	Gov.	Organized.	Memb. Received.			Pres. Num.	Yrs
			Prof.	Let.	Total		
Elk Horn	Con	Dec. 1843	7	45	52	45	7
Emerald Grove	Con	Dec. 1846	9	22	31	29	4
Evansville	Con	May 1846	7	21	28	26	3
Exeter	Con	June 1849	2	10	12	9	
Fairfield	Con	July 1849	2	24	26	23	2
Fair Play	Pres	July 1842	14	28	42	19	7
Fond du Lac	Con	July 1842	6	57	63	57	4
Fountain Prairie	Con	July 1847	4	13	17	17	2
Franklin	Pres	July 1845	0	15	15	8	1
Fort Atkinson	Con	Oct. 1841	10	45	55	48	8
Genesee	Con	May 1842	21	44	65	61	5
Geneva	Pres	April 1839	35	87	122	76	12
Granville	Con	April 1843	22	8	30	15	3
Green Bay	Pres	Jan. 1846	85	125	210	84	12
Hartford	Con	Dec. 1847	2	12	14	12	2
Hazel Green	Pres	Sep. 1845	24	46	70	50	4
Janesville	Con	Feb. 1845	16	102	118	100	6
Jefferson	Con	Dec. 1850	0	9	9	9	3
Johnstown	Con	July 1845	7	39	46	31	4
Kenosha	Con	June 1838	88	158	246	170	12
Koshkenong	Con	July 1846	2	18	20	17	4
Lake Mills	Con	Aug. 1847	2	39	41	36	5
Lamartine	Con	Mar. 1850	2	8	10	10	
Lancaster	Con	May 1843	22	32	54	46	6
Lisbon	Con	Aug. 1842	26	46	72	35	8
Lisbon, 2d	Con	June 1848	0	14	14	14	1
Lowell	Con	Aug. 1845	2	19	21	12	2
Madison	Con	June 1840	7	45	52	40	10
Marquette Co.	Pres	Aug. 1847	2	23	25	20	4
Menasha	Con	Feb. 1851	1	24	25	25	1
Milton	Con	Aug. 1838	13	62	75	37	10
Milwaukee, Pres.	Pres	April 1837	66	307	373	175	12
Milwaukee, Plym.	Con	May 1841	63	170	333	175	9
Milwaukee, Free C.	Con	Feb. 1847	10	51	61	52	4
Mineral Point	Pres	June 1839	54	66	100	75	10
Mount Zion	Con	Dec. 1842	13	38	42	28	6

	Gov	Organized.	Memb. Received.			Pres. Num.	Yrs
			Prof.	Let.	Tot.		
Monroe	Pres	May 1850	2	18	20	18	1
Neenah	Con	April 1846	2	30	32	29	4
Newark	Con	May 1845	6	23	29	29	3
New Diggings	Con	April 1844	26	19	45	21	6
North Rochester	Con	Sep. 1840	12	38	50	40	9
Oak Creek	Con	May 1846	0	10	10	10	1
Oakfield	Con	May 1848	0	15	15	15	1
Oconemowoc	Con	Aug. 1845	0	33	33	25	4
Ohio Settlement	Con	Aug. 1847	0	16	16	12	2
Oshkosh	Con	July 1849	0	31	31	31	2
Palmyra	Pres	Dec. 1847	4	28	32	29	3
Paris	Con	Sep. 1844	18	29	47	42	3
Pewaukie	Con	Aug. 1840	13	21	34	33	7
Pike Grove	Pres	Dec. 1839	74	28	102	34	9
Platteville	Con	Aug. 1839	113	124	237	128	9
Pleasant Prairie	Con	Jan. 1844	9	38	47	39	4
Potosi	Pres	Nov. 1840	114	13	127	32	7
Prairie du Chien	Pres	Jan. 1842	27	25	52	20	3
Prairie du Sac	Con	Jan. 1841	13	17	30	19	5
Racine, Pres.	Pres	Feb. 1839	84	225	309	191	12
Racine, Cong.	Con	June 1850	1	39	40	40	1
Raymond	Pres	Mar. 1840	54	61	115	88	8
Richland	Pres	June 1850	0	11	11	11	$\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond	Pres	June 1850	0	14	14	14	$\frac{1}{2}$
Ridgeway	Pres	Mar. 1845	29	20	49	39	7
Rochester	Con	May 1840	28	66	94	39	7
Rosendale	Con	June 1848	2	35	37	30	2
Salem	Con	Oct. 1840	13	40	53	38	7
Sheboygan, Con.	Con	Aug. 1845	20	70	90	43	5
Sheboygan, Pres.	Pres	Jan. 1850	5	24	29	29	1
Sheboygan Falls	Con	June 1847	31	61	92	72	3
Shopiere	Con	April 1844	51	43	94	81	6
Shullsburg	Con	Jan. 1848	16	20	36	18	1
Spring Prairie	Con	Jan. 1841	14	43	57	23	7
Springvale	Con	April 1848	9	36	45	45	3
Sugar Creek	Con	July 1841	4	3	41	30	8

	Gov.	Organized.	Memb. Received.			Pres. Num.	Yrs
			Prof.	Let.	Tot.		
Summit	Pres	Sep. 1841	9	61	70	37	8
Sun Prairie	Con	Aug. 1846	2	9	11	11	4
Troy	Con	Aug. 1839	49	59	108	71	10
Vinland	Con	Jan. 1850	0	9	9	9	
Warren	Con	Oct. 1841	1	21	22	21	7
Waterloo	Con	Feb. 1845	4	17	21	20	5
Watertown	Con	July 1845	5	23	28	21	3
Waukesha	Con	June 1838	146	130	276	98	11
Waupun	Con	July 1845	0	36	36	31	4
Wauwatosa	Con	Mar. 1842	23	38	61	32	7
Whitewater	Con	July 1840	24	108	132	97	0
Willow Springs	Con	May 1847	6	13	17	19	2
Wyoming	Pres	July 1846	34	17	51	41	3
Yellow Stone	Con	Feb. 1848	16	7	23	20	2

## SUMMARY.

Number of Churches	-	-	-	-	-	-	126
Number of members	.	.	.	.	.	.	5038
Number received on profession	-	.	.	.	.	.	2312

## TABLE

Showing the number of ministers that arrived, churches organized and houses of worship built each year.

	Minis	Chhs.	Hous		Minis	Chhs.	Hous
In 1836	2	1	0	In 1844	12	7	6
" 1837	3	1	0	" 1845	11	15	1
" 1838	2	4	0	" 1846	18	9	4
" 1839	2	7	1	" 1847	7	15	4
" 1840	8	9	0	" 1848	9	8	5
" 1841	10	1	1	" 1849	11	8	6
" 1842	10	7	5	" 1850	18	13	8
" 1843	10	6	1				

## PART IV.

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### CHARACTER OF THE CHURCHES.

The religious institutions of Wisconsin bear, in a good degree, the impress of New-England. A large proportion of the population either came directly from that section of country, or are of New England descent. Our ministers are nearly all of eastern origin and eastern education. The doctrines which have made that section of country lovely and renowned, and given it such power and influence in the land, are the doctrines received by our churches, adopted by our Conventions, and preached by our ministers. To a great extent, also, the order which characterizes the churches in that region prevails among us. Our churches have been graciously preserved from the errors, disorders and divisions which have afflicted some portions of Zion.

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### DOCTRINAL VIEWS.

The doctrinal views of the ministers and churches may be seen in their Confession of Faith.

Measures were taken at an early period to provide a well expressed and sound Confession of Faith, and Covenant. The one in use among us was prepared with great care by a committee, and after mature consideration was unanimously adopted by the Convention, as an expression of their doctrinal sentiments, and recommended to be used by the churches. It is made the duty of the Conventions by their constitution, when a minister proposes to unite with the body, "to satisfy themselves respecting his religious sentiments and conduct." All who have been received into the Convention have given their cordial assent to this Confession of Faith, and it is believed that they hold and preach those great doctrines of the Reformation which are held by the ecclesiastical bodies with which we are in correspondence.

The churches are not required to adopt this Confession in *form*, but they are required to give evidence that they receive the doctrines it contains. If different articles are adopted they are presented and examined when application for admission is made.

This Confession of Faith was printed at an early date and extensively circulated, and is adopted by most of the churches in the State, thus, producing a general uniformity in this respect.



## WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

The history of the rise and progress of religious institutions in this State is without a parallel, in respect to their early establishment and their rapid advancement. Fifteen years ago this country was occupied by the wild red man and the wild prey which he followed in the chase. In 1836 one minister entered this field and commenced his labors, and one church was organized during that year. In 1839, when the writer passed over the Territory and explored its situations and wants, he found three ministers and five or six churches. From that time there has been a constant accession of ministers and a rapid increase of churches from year to year. There are now on this ground one hundred ministers and one hundred and twenty-five churches. An ecclesiastical organization has been established, consisting of a General Convention and four District Conventions, which happily unite these churches and ministers in one body; and over forty Houses of Public Worship have been erected.

But these statistics and general statements by no means show what has been accomplished. An amount of moral influence has been exerted by these ministers and churches on the forming character of this young and growing State, which no arithmetic can compute and no mere figures express. The Gospel has been preached not only to congregations connected with these churches, but to multitudes in other places and in the scat,

tered settlements of the country. Sabbath schools have been extensively established, and multitudes of children and youth have thus been brought under religious instruction. The Temperance cause has been aided and borne forward in its achievements. The Bible has been widely circulated. Tracts and religious books has been scattered over the State. The observance of the Sabbath has been promoted; the cause of education has been advanced; common schools have been encouraged; select schools and academies have been established and sustained, and a College has been founded and put in successful operation that is adequate to the wants of the country in this respect;—and what is more than all, revivals of religion have been enjoyed among the churches from year to year which have resulted in the hopeful conversion of nearly three thousand souls.

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#### INFLUENCE AND EFFORTS OF THE A. H. M. S.

These happy results are to be traced in a great measure to the influence and efforts of the American Home Missionary Society. The early occupancy of the field by that Society, its efficient aid and continued fostering care have placed the cause of religion in its present advantageous position in the State. Nearly all the churches in the State were either organized by the missionaries of that Society, or have been aided in

the support of their ministers by its funds. Most of the ministers who have labored in this field have received their support in part from this source. The whole number who have been aided by this Society from the beginning is one hundred and twenty, of whom thirty have removed to fields of labor out of the State, eight have ceased to receive aid, and five have gone to their reward on high. Ten churches once aided by this Society now support their own ministers. Those ministers who are now sustained by their own people, are occupying ground prepared to their hands by the missionaries of the A. H. M. S., and building on foundations laid by them.

The whole amount of funds which this Society has expended in Wisconsin is about Sixty-five Thousand Dollars. The whole number of ministers aided one hundred and twenty. Years of labor performed four hundred and twenty.

NOTE.—The author had prepared a Table giving the number of missionaries on this field each year, the amount expended, number of conversions, and other results; but being unable to obtain the items relative to the past two years, which were necessary to complete the table, it was omitted.

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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

### THE STOCKBRIDGE INDIANS.

The Congregational Church of Stockbridge was organized in 1818 at New Stockbridge, On-

aida Co., N. Y. It was composed of members belonging to a colony of Indians who settled on the White river, Indiana. There they held meetings among themselves and read Scott's Commentary. In 1821 this colony removed to Wisconsin, and located at Statesburgh, on the Fox river, twenty miles above Green Bay. They kept up their meetings here also.

In 1827 Rev. Jesse Miner being sent out by the A. B. C. F. M., made them a visit, and the next year he was appointed a missionary to these Indians and arrived among them in July 1828. He died the next March, after having labored among them eight months, during which time there was a revival of religion and about 20 added to the church.

Rev. Cutting Marsh was appointed missionary by the A. B. C. F. M. to these Indians and arrived among them in May 1830. In 1834 the nation sold out the lands on the Fox river, and removed to the east side of Lake Winnebago, and called the name of the new town Stockbridge. Mr. Marsh labored among this people over eighteen years, during which time several seasons of revival were enjoyed and additions were made to the church. The number of members at one time amounted to about 70. In 1838 the church was reduced by the removal of a part of the nation to Missouri. It has been greatly distracted and divided by political dissension,—one party are now citizens of the U. States and the other remain in the Indian state.

## CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

A few churches have changed their form of government since their organization. The following statements, in reply to enquiries in respect to the cause of these changes, are given that the matter may be understood as it is:—

*Whitewater.*—From the Pastor of the church.

“The form of government was changed in April 1845 by a unanimous vote. When I came here the church was called Presbyterian, but the elders were not ordained. I advised them to be one thing or the other, and by unanimous vote the congregational form of government was adopted.”

At the organization of this church the Presbyterian form of government was adopted by the casting vote of the minister who formed the church.

*Spring Prairie.*—From the clerk of the church.

“When the church was organized the Congregational members were induced to believe that the Presbyterian form of government was best adapted to this region and voted for it,—afterwards became convinced to the contrary. A number of members moved into the place with strong Congregational preferences, who desired a change. The vote was unanimous.”

*Platteville.*—From the pastor of the church.

“Our church changed to Congregational because nearly all the original members had gone away, and those who took their places came in with preferences in favor of Congregationalism.”

*Sugar Creek.*—Action of the church.—Extract from the Records.

“Whereas the majority of the members of this church came from Congregational churches and are favorable to that form of government, therefore, voted, that this church be changed from Presbyterian to Congregational.”

There was one dissenting vote.

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#### CHURCHES WHICH HAVE JOINED THE O. S. PRESBYTERY.

Two small Congregational churches formerly connected with the Convention became Presbyterian and united with the O. S. Presbytery about the time of its organization in 1847. Most of the members of these churches were Congregational, many of them came directly from New England, and adopted the Congregational form of government at their organization by a unanimous vote. The influence of the ministers who were laboring with these churches and proffers of aid in the support of preaching &c., are understood to have been connected with these changes.

No church has left the Convention and joined the O. S. Presbytery on account of dissatisfaction with the ecclesiastical arrangements, nor is this the reason why the members of the N. S. Presbyterian and Congregational churches go into organizations connected with that body.



DENOMINATION AND ORDINATION OF THE  
MINISTERS.

The whole number of ministers is one hundred. As near as can be ascertained their denominational preferences are as follows, viz.:

Presbyterian	-	-	-	-	35
Congregational	-	-	-	-	58
Welsh Congregational	-	-	-	-	7

Their ordination was as follows, viz.:—

By Presbyteries	-	-	-	-	26
By Congregational bodies	-	-	-	-	33
By the Conventions in Wis.	-	-	-	-	20
In Wales	-	-	-	-	7
In the Methodist connection	-	-	-	-	3
By Baptist	-	-	-	-	1
Licentiates	-	-	-	-	6

Those ordained by the Conventions in Wisconsin, were licensed as follows, viz.:—

By Congregational bodies	-	-	-	10
By Presbyteries	-	-	-	7
By the Conventions	-	-	-	3

Of the licentiates three are Congregational and three Presbyterian.

*Changes.*

Ordained by Presbyteries and since become Congregational	-	-	-	6
Ordained by Congregational bodies and since become Presbyterian	-	-	-	6

*Native place of the Ministers.*

Massachusetts	22	Ohio	1
Vermont	14	Kentucky	1
Connecticut	11	Illinois	1
New Hampshire	9	England	4
New York	26	Wales	7
New Jersey	2	Scotland	1

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*Their place of education.*

New England	36	N. Y. and N. J.	1
New York	22	Illinois and Ohio	3
N. Eng. and N. Y.	13	Wis. and Illinois	1
Ohio	6	N. Y. and Illinois	1
N. Eng. and Ohio	1	New Jersey	1
N. Y. and Ohio	3	England	2
N. Y. and Virginia	1	Wales	7

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*Ministerial ages of the Ministers, or the time they have been in the ministry.*

None exceeds 30 years—one has been in the ministry 29 years, and three just 25 years—

Under 25 and over 20	-	-	-	12
Under 20 and over 10	-	-	-	27
Under 10 and over 5	-	-	-	30
Under 5 years	-	-	-	16
Licentiates	-	-	-	6
Unknown	-	-	-	4

The average ministerial age is 10 years.

The average ministerial age of ministers in Connecticut is 18 years.

## MISSIONARY AID.

Of the ministers now laboring in the State, seventy-five are aided by missionary funds, as follows:—

By the American Home Missionary Society, - - -	67
By the Conn. Dom. Missionary Society, - - -	2
By the American Missionary Association, - - -	6

## COMPARATIVE VIEW

The Presbyterian and Congregational churches and ministers in Wisconsin are united in one ecclesiastical body. In Iowa the two denominations have separate organizations. The character of the population in the two states is very similar. The number of ministers and churches in these states is as follows, viz.:

*In Wisconsin.*

	Ministers.	Churches.	Members.
Presbyterian - - -	33	31	1126
Congregational - - -	58	83	3612
Welsh - - - - -	7	12	300

*In Iowa.*

	Ministers.	Churches.	Members.
Presbyterian - - -	12	14	600
Congregational - - -	48	48	1694

## OTHER DENOMINATIONS.

	Minis	Ch'ns	Memb'rs
O. S. Presbyterian - - - - -	24	22	552
Baptist - - - - -	52	64	3198
Episcopal - - - - -	25	31	1356
Methodist E. - - - - -	95	}	6150
Probationers			1796

## TABLE

Showing the Population, number of Townships, Ministers, Churches and Houses of Public Worship in each County.

COUNTIES.	Pop'tion.	Twus	Min.	Chhs.	Hous.
Brown - - - -	6,210		2	1	1
Calumet - - - -	1,745	11	0	0	0
Chippewa } Crawford }	3,113	{ 16	0	0	0
Columbia - - - -	9,559	26	2	4	0
Dane - - - - -	16,628	34	4	7	1
Dodge - - - - -	19,140	25	6	5	1
Fond du Lac - - - -	14,512	20	6	10	1
Grant - - - - -	16,169	30	5	8	4
Green - - - - -	8,567	16	2	2	0
Iowa - - - - -	9,532	21	3	6	3
Jefferson - - - - -	15,323	16	6	8	1
Kenosha - - - - -	10,734	8	4	5	2
Lafayette - - - - -	11,538	17	2	6	2
La Point - - - - -	489		0	0	0
Manitowoc - - - - -	3,702	16	1	0	0
Marquette - - - - -	8,642	10	6	5	0
Milwaukee - - - - -	31,117	7	5	6	3
Portage - - - - -	1,758		0	0	0
Racine - - - - -	14,971	10	5	7	5
Richland - - - - -	489	16	1	2	0
Rock - - - - -	20,759	20	13	11	6
Sauk - - - - -	4,556	22	2	4	0
Sheboygan - - - - -	8,486	14	3	3	2
St. Croix - - - - -	624	16	0	0	0
Walworth - - - - -	17,864	16	9	10	6
Waukesha - - - - -	19,344	16	8	11	4
Washington - - - - -	19,485	18	0	1	0
Winnebago - - - - -	10,167	13	5	6	0
	305,121		100	127	42

*Note.*—The name and population of the Counties are given as they were at the time the census was taken in 1850. Several counties have since been divided and new ones established.

## APPENDIX.

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### CONSTITUTION OF THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

ART. I.—CHURCHES BELONGING TO THIS CONVENTION, MAY ADOPT EITHER THE PRESBYTERIAN OR CONGREGATIONAL MODE OF GOVERNMENT, AND SHALL EACH BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION BY ONE DELEGATE.

*As this article constitutes the basis of this organization, it shall never be altered except by the consent of all the churches connected with this Convention.*

ART. II. This Convention shall hold an annual and semi-annual meeting; and each meeting shall be opened with a sermon by the last moderator, and all its sessions shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. III. A moderator and temporary clerk shall be chosen at each stated meeting: and at the annual meeting, a treasurer and standing committee shall be chosen, who shall hold their office until others are appointed. The Convention shall also have a stated clerk.

ART. IV. A committee shall also be appointed at the annual meeting, to conduct the several

parts of the examination of candidates who may apply to this body for licensure or ordination.

ART. V. The moderator shall, on the application of two ministers and one church, call a special meeting of the Convention, specifying in his letters of notification, the particular business for which the meeting is called,—and no other business shall be finally decided at that meeting. These letters of notification shall be communicated to each minister and church connected with this body, at least ten days before the time for the meeting of the Convention.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the stated clerk, besides recording the transactions of the Convention, to preserve the records carefully, and to grant extracts from them,—and such extracts, or any certificates, under the hand of the stated clerk, shall be considered as authentic vouchers of the facts which they declare.

ART. VII. The standing committee shall consist of not less than four ministers, whose duty it shall be to examine the credentials of ministers and licentiates, who may wish the approbation of this body during its recess: and on receiving satisfaction respecting their good standing and qualification to preach the gospel, they shall recommend them to the churches.

ART. VIII. Licentiates under the care of this Convention, shall be amenable to it for their preaching and moral conduct, yet not so as to interfere with the prerogative of the church, to



which the licentiate belongs, to exercise discipline over him.

ART. IX. When any minister proposes to join this Convention, it shall be the duty of the Convention to satisfy themselves respecting his religious sentiments and conduct, and reject or admit him as they shall deem expedient. The Convention shall also satisfy themselves respecting the religious sentiments and christian practice of any church before admitting it to this body.

ART. X. Every minister connected with this Convention who shall organize a church within its bounds, shall instruct those wishing to be so organized respecting the regulations of this body and urge them to connect themselves with this Convention, and shall report the same at the next meeting.

ART. XI. Churches which adopt the Presbyterian form of government may elect their ruling elders either for a limited period or for life.

ART. XII. Appeals, complaints, protests, &c., may come up to the Convention from Congregational churches, in the same manner as from those that are Presbyterian : or, the decision of the church shall be final, as shall be fixed upon by a standing rule of the church.

ART. XIII. In case of an appeal from a lower judicatory, the action of this body shall be final ; but any judicial process originating in this body may be carried by complaint or appeal to the General Convention.

ART. XIV. In all cases of trial by a lower judicatory, the evidence on both sides shall be fairly taken and recorded, and in cases of appeal, this evidence shall be presented to this Convention as the ground of their decision.

ART. XV. Each church shall exhibit their records to the Convention once a year for examination, and shall present a statistical report at the annual meeting.

ART. XVI. At each stated meeting of the Convention, an account shall be given of the state of religion within our bounds, and a committee shall be appointed to prepare a narrative.

ART. XVII. This Convention will ordinarily celebrate the Lord's Supper at their annual meeting.

ART. XVIII. This Convention shall receive and act on all appeals and references which may be regularly brought before them, and shall give their advice and instruction in all cases submitted to them.

ART. XIX. Any three ministers, and as many delegates as may be present, belonging to the Convention, being met at the time and place appointed, shall be a quorum competent to do business.

ART. XX. Ministers in good standing in other ecclesiastical bodies, who may be present, may be invited to sit with the Convention as corresponding members. They shall be entitled to deliberate and advise, but not to vote in any decisions of the Convention.

ART. XXI. All amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be submitted to the General Convention agreeably to the provisions of their Constitution on the subject.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

ARTICLE. I. This Convention shall consist of the ministers and a delegate from each church belonging to the District Conventions in the Territory of Wisconsin, and shall adopt the fundamental principle contained in the first article of their Constitution as the basis of its organization.

ART. II. The Convention shall meet at least once in each year, and shall be opened with a sermon by the last moderator, and all its sessions shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. III. A moderator and temporary clerk shall be chosen annually. The Convention also shall have a stated clerk and treasurer, which offices may be held by the same person.

ART. IV. This Convention shall receive and act on all appeals and references which may be brought before them, and shall give their advice and instruction in all cases submitted to them. They shall erect District Conventions, and review their records: shall constitute the highest court of appeal, and the bond of union, peace and mutual confidence among our churches, and shall take measures for the promotion of the benevolent objects of the day.

ART. V. In all cases of a trial in a District Convention, the evidence on both sides, shall be fairly taken and recorded, and in cases of appeal, this evidence shall be presented to this Convention as the ground of their decision.

ART. VI. Any five ministers belonging to the Convention, and as many delegates as may be present, being met at the time and place appointed, shall be a quorum competent to do business.

ART. VII. At the meeting of the Convention, an account shall be given of the state of religion within its bounds, and a committee shall be appointed to prepare a narrative for publication.

ART. VIII. Each District Convention shall annually send up their records to this body for examination, together with a statistical report.

ART. IX. Considering the importance of harmony in the Christian Church, and the duty of all its ministers and members to unite in promoting the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and sympathizing more particularly with our brethren of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches in the United States, this Convention will hold correspondence with their general ecclesiastical bodies by delegation or otherwise, as far as may be practicable.

ART. X. Delegates from corresponding bodies shall be entitled to deliberate and advise, but not to vote in any decision of the Convention.

ART. XI. All amendments or alterations of this Constitution, or of the Confession of Faith, shall require the concurrence of a majority of

the District Conventions, and no amendment of their Constitution or of the Confession of Faith shall be adopted until it shall have been submitted to this body and receive its sanction.

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### CONFESSION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE I. We believe there is one God, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; that he is a Spirit, self-existent, independent, unchangeable, eternal, infinite in being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, mercy and truth.

ART. II. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God; that they contain a complete and harmonious system of divine truth, and are the only perfect rule of religious faith and practice.

ART. III. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; that these three are in essence one, and in all divine perfections equal.

ART. IV. We believe that God governs all things according to his eternal and infinitely wise purpose, so as to render them conducive to his own glory, and the greatest good of the universe, and in perfect consistency with his hatred of sin, the free agency of man, and the importance of the use of means.



ART. V. We believe that man in his primitive state was perfectly holy ; that he fell from that state by sinning against God ; and in consequence of the apostacy of Adam, all mankind are totally depraved, and by nature, children of wrath, and cannot be restored to the favor of God without an atonement.

ART. VI. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the only and well believed son of God, assumed our nature, perfectly obeyed the law of God, suffered and died the just for the unjust, making a sufficient atonement for the sins of all mankind ; that God can now consistently exercise mercy towards sinners, and that he will pardon all those who repent and believe the Gospel.

ART. VII. We believe that God did from eternity choose some of the human race to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth ; and that all those whom he has thus chosen, he will renew and sanctify in this life, and keep them by his power, through faith unto salvation.

ART. VIII. We believe that in order to acceptance with God, the sinner must be born again, and that regeneration is a moral change produced by the influence of the Holy Spirit operating on the mind through the truth.

ART. IX. We believe that men are free and voluntary in all their conduct ; that their entire depravity, the purpose of God respecting their salvation, and the agency of the Spirit in regeneration, do not destroy or in the least impair their



free agency ; that the offer of salvation is freely and sincerely made to all men ; and that those who perish under the light of the Gospel, perish by voluntarily rejecting its offers of eternal life.

ART. X. We believe that Christians are justified freely by grace through faith ; and that although they are thus freely justified, still the law of God as a rule of duty remains in full force, and that all men are under obligations perfectly to obey it.

ART. XI. We believe that the visible church of Christ consists of visible saints who publicly profess their faith in him, and covenant to walk together in the ordinances of the Gospel.

ART. XII. We believe in the divine appointment of the christian Sabbath, and of the sacraments of the New Testament, baptism, and the Lord's Supper, which all are under obligation in the exercise of faith to observe ; and that it is the duty of parents to dedicate their children to God in baptism, and train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

ART. XIII. We believe that the soul is immortal, and at the last day Christ will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness ; that all who die impenitent will go away into everlasting punishment ; and the righteous be received to heaven to enjoy eternal felicity.

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### COVENANT.

You viewing yourselves subjects of special divine grace, and under obligation to confess Christ before men, do now,

in the presence of God, angels and men, acknowledge your obligations to be the Lord's, and do here solemnly consecrate yourselves and all that you have, forever, to God, through Jesus Christ. You renounce the ways of sin, and choose the Lord Jehovah to be your God and eternal portion; the Lord Jesus Christ to be your only Saviour, and the Holy Ghost to be your Sanctifier and Comforter. You take God's Holy Word to be your rule of faith and practice, and you engage, by the help of His grace, to conform to it in all your conduct. You promise to maintain and constantly attend all the institutions and ordinances of the Gospel, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, public worship, and the strict observance of God's holy Sabbath.

You promise daily to maintain secret prayer, to encourage family worship and the seasonable dedication of children to God in Baptism, and to instruct, govern and restrain from vicious practices and company all who may be under your care. You promise not to conform to the world or indulge in vain conversation or amusement, and totally to abstain from the use and traffic of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage. You promise to promote the edification, purity, and peace of the church, to watch over its members in christian meekness, and brotherly love, and to submit to its discipline until you are regularly dismissed therefrom, endeavoring in all things to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called: Relying on divine grace, thus you covenant with God and this church.

### *Response of the Church.*

We, then, the members of this church, do cordially receive you into our communion and fellowship. We welcome you as members of the body of Christ and as fellow-travelers to His rest. We promise by the grace of God to watch over you with meekness and love, and by counsel and prayer to help you forward in the way to Heaven. And may we live together as brethren, glorify Him on earth, and finally join the church triumphant in Heaven, there to unite in the praises of God and the LAMB. Amen.



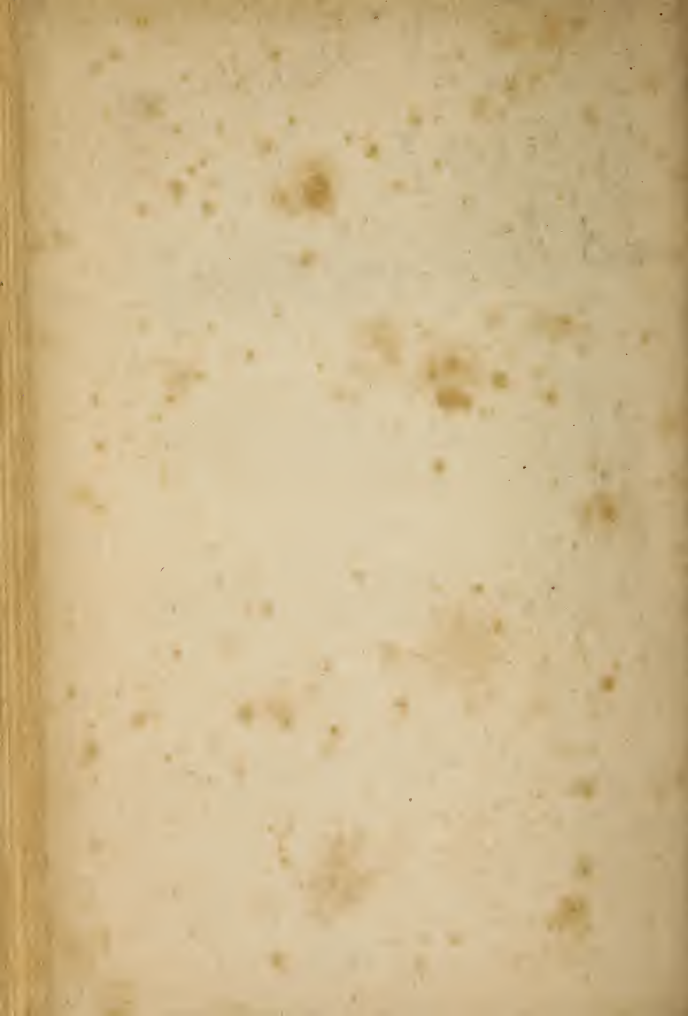














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